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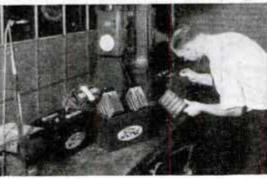
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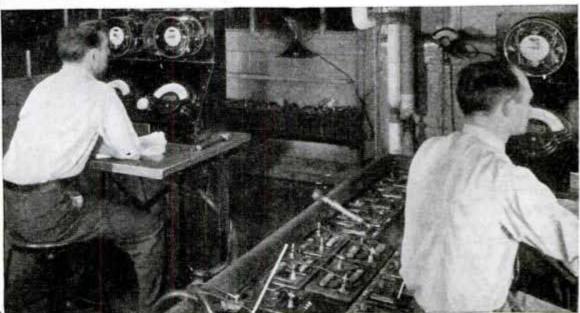
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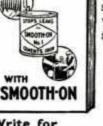
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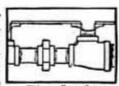
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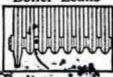
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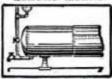




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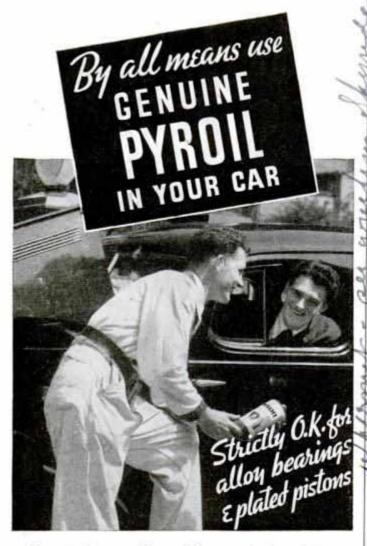
No matter how skinny and rundown you may be, try this new "7-power" Ironized Yeast for just a few short weeks. If not delighted with the results of the very first package, money back instantly.

Only don't be deceived by the many cheaply prepared "Yeast and Iron" tablets sold in imitation of Ironized Yeast. These cheap counterfeits usually contain only the lowest grade of ordinary yeast and iron, and cannot pos-sibly give the same results. Look for "IY" stamped on each tablet.

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# TODAY.

## Almost Broke!

Yet tomorrow Tom Smith will be on his way toward being a really successful man . .

Somewhere there is a Tom Smith—that name is as good as any—who is practically flat broke, back on his heels and discouraged today. Perhaps he's in debt. Perhaps, as far as his job is concerned, he's in a rut. Perhaps he's just a victim of these trying times. Yet—he still has vision, imagination. And—ambition. He still believes that he's going somewhere... somehow, some way, some time. He hasn't given up hope. He still believes in success and opportunity.

way, some time. He hasn't given up hope. He still believes in success and opportunity.

Tom Smith will read this advertisement. No—there is a better way of saying it. Tom Smith will study this advertisement. He will read it once, then again, then yet again. It will strike a responsive chord somewhere within him. It will stir his dormant ambition, give wings to his imagination, set his vision afire. And he will act! As though Hope—as swift and powerful as lightning when it strikes—had suddenly taken possession of him, he will take advantage of the opportunity this advertisement offers him. And then—

session of him, he will take advantage of the opportunity this advertisement offers him. And then—
Six months from now, his friends will say, "Have you heard about Tom Smith? Yes—just got a new job with an increase in salary." And two years later, the business journals in his field may report, "Thomas Smith Appointed Manager." And five years . . . or ten . . . or fifteen years hence, the sign on his office door may read "Thomas Smith, President."

All because Tom Smith had the vision, the imagination, the ambition, to recognize the significance of this

tion, the ambition, to recognize the significance of this advertisement. Because he had the foresight to see that here was his way to opportunity.

This page advertises the training of LaSalle Extension University. It is a unique university in many respects. It utilizes Uncle Sam's postal ser-

vice in its contacts with its students. It is the university for those men and women who work by day in every type of business and profession. It is the university of the

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university of men and women, young and mid-dle aged, who wish to

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In the history of LaSalle Extension University, there have been more than 850 000 such men and women

In the history of LaSalle Extension University, there have been more than 850,000 such men and women. They have gladly substituted night hours of study for night hours of aimless pleasure. They have sacrificed hours of minor enjoyment to reach years of major success. They have studied hard—accumulated the accurate, comprehensive and practical training LaSalle offers by its famous Problem Method—thus wresting from Life the success which long before many had thought was not for them was not for them.

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Perhaps you think that prophecy of Tom Smith's career mentioned above is pure fantasy. Perhaps you feel it is solely the product of an advertising writer's imagination. If such are your beliefs, you are wrong. For that prophecy is based upon past experience—

The past experience of thousands of discouraged Tom Smiths who read just such an advertisement as this years are Tom Smiths with vision and ambition and

years ago. Tom Smiths with vision and ambition and imagination who accepted LaSalle's offer of one of the booklets listed below. And—who found the booklet so intriguing, so full of hope, that they enrolled in LaSalle ... and as the months passed, they found themselves rising out of their rut, reaching toward more attractive and better-paying jobs. Finally, achieving rich and deserved success in their chosen lines.

Tom Smith, wherever you are, whoever you are, whatever are your ambitions—here is your opportunity!

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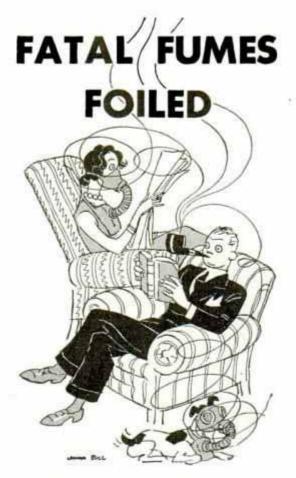
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La Salle Extension University





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"Just as a suggestion, why don't you print the month and year on each page so when a page is torn out for reference, the purchaser of your magazine will not only know the page number and name but the date also."—Harvey F. Waters, New York, N. Y.

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that in my seventieth year I cannot remember ever
having seen an article on how to
sharpen a razor.
Men have mentioned the subject,
of course. The article in the July
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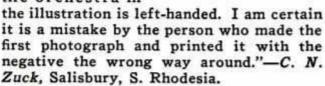
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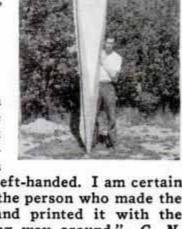
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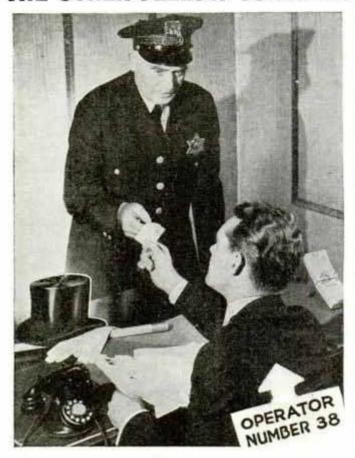
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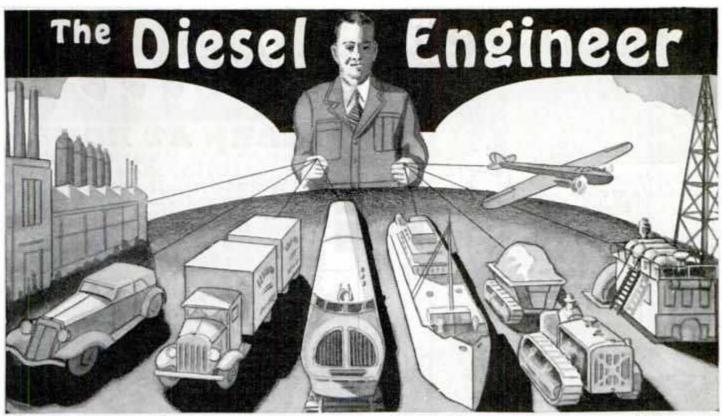
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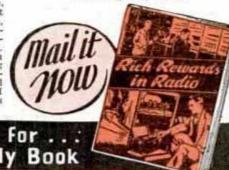
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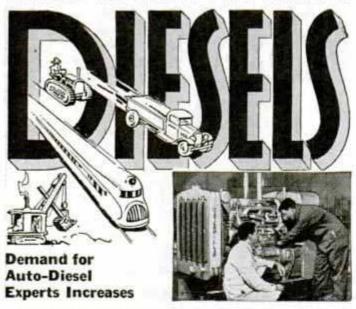


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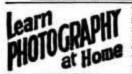
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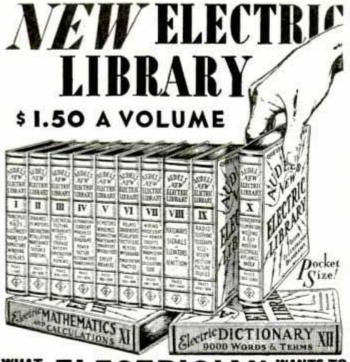
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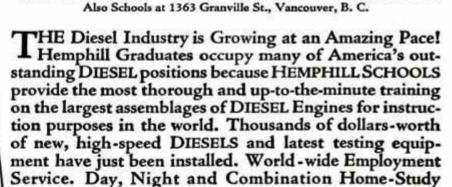
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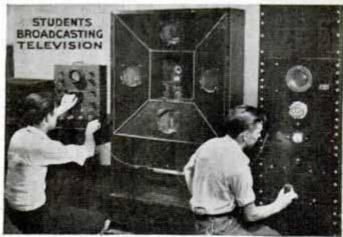


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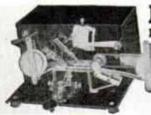
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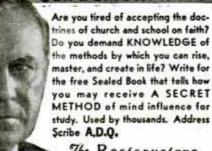
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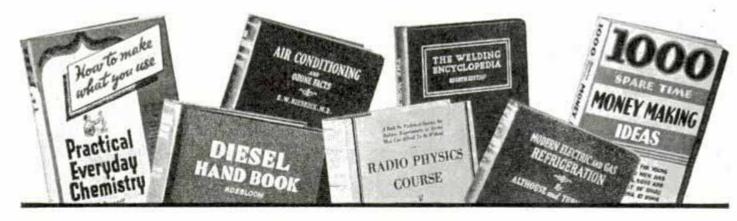
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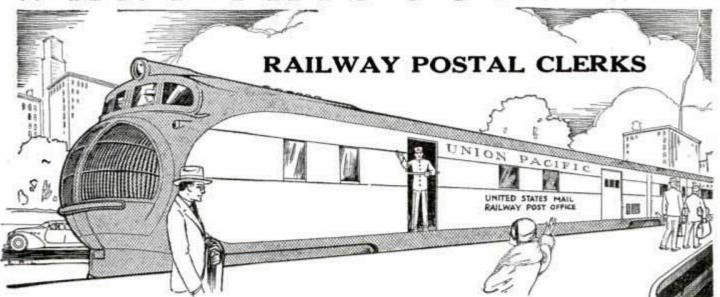
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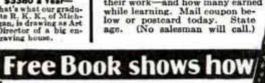
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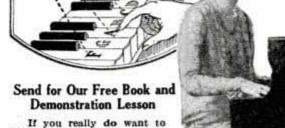
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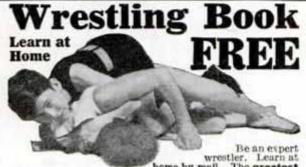
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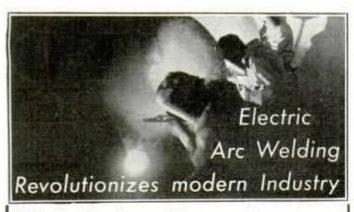
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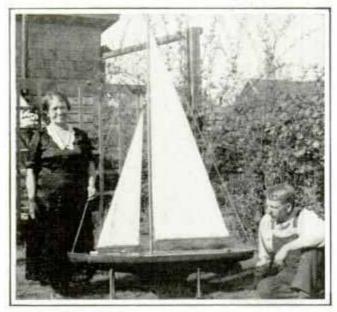


# MAIL BAG

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loud. The fellow I want to nominate for Public Enemy No. 1 among dumbbell drivers is the road hog who straddles the center of the pavement and refuses to budge an inch for truck or flivver. Any other nominations?"—H. S. Travilair, Chicago.

# Ambitious Builder



Mr. Richardson's Model

"I have the model "Zip" completed, the first I ever have made. Mast and sail have been tested, but the boat has not been tried in the water. I think I would like to try building a boat seventy-five or 100 feet long."—D. Richardson, S. Vancouver, B. C.

# Curious about Planes

"I think your readers would like to know what the numbers on airplanes mean and how pilots do stunts."—H. W. Halligan, Boston, Mass.

# Pleased with 4-Tube Set

"In January I purchased blueprints for the four-tube portable battery set. I am pleased with the results."—Dean Hehr, Shelbyville, Mo.

# More about Stamps

"I am interested in the stamp articles that appear in your magazine from time to time. Could you not have them more often?"—A. D. Taylor, Portland, Ore.

# Surprising Radio

"I built the pentagrid short-wave converter that appeared in a 1934 issue, also

the amplifier of June, 1935. Friends are surprised to hear the number of foreign stations tuned in with this converter hooked to my broadcast receiver. I have logged three English, one Italian, one Spanish, three



German, three Mexican, two South American and numerous Canadian stations with good volume and fine clarity."—Francis Kellen, Chicago, Ill.

# Model Railroad

"Here is a model locomotive that I built with the assistance of a friend. It is a one and one-half inch scale model running on a seven and one-fourth gauge track. Our five-car train will haul ten adults over the 500-foot track, giving a nice little ride over a fill, through a cut and around a curve. We worked a year on this train and track. I would like to exchange photos with any one who has built and is operating a rail-road of this size."—Horace P. Shaw, Bloomfield Hills, Mich.



Mr. Shaw's Midget Train

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# ETHIOPIA INTRODUCES NEW OIL CAN ART



This remarkable example of Ethiopian tribal art found its way from Dakar, Djibuti to Paris and is now on display in the Trocadero Museum. It is an artistically decorated

meal sifter (the pattern is formed by very small nail holes) which French experts admire greatly. An American woman scrutinized the object carefully and discovered, to her amazement, that it was made out of a used container for Veedol Motor Oil, proving that Veedol is known, valued and used throughout the world.

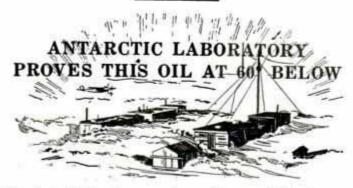
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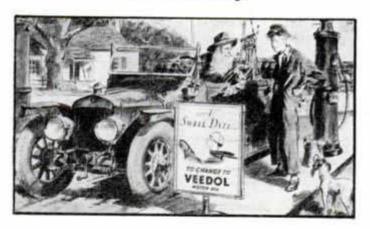
In far parts of the world an emptied Veedol can is a useful article. Natives

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# The Greatest Oil Change in History



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HEROES of the "HURRICANE WATCH"

By JULIAN LEGGETT

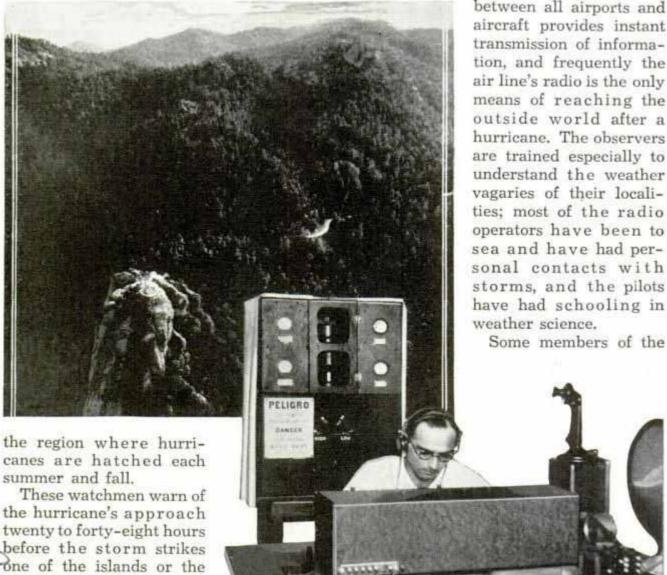
HUNDREDS Dead . . . Scores Injured . . Whole Towns Wrecked . . . Millions of Dollars Damage.

This picture, still fresh in the public mind as a result of the recent disastrous storm which struck south Florida and the keys near by, is drawn by news bulletins from the stricken territory each time a hurricane of great intensity sweeps through the Caribbean area. As horrible as this picture is, however, it might be much worse but for the vigilance of "watchmen" stationed at isolated points in





Radio Operator of Pan American Clipper Ship Sending Weather Reports from over the Caribbean, Map Showing Course of Recent Florida Storm, and Wreckage Left in a Harbor



Top, Weather Information Is Gathered at This Lonely Radio Station in Mountains of Mexico; Below, Pan American Radio Room in Belize

mainland, enabling residents to board up windows and doors, cut off power lines to prevent fire, store up water and food for the

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emergency and make other preparations to protect life and property. Frequently the warning comes in time for many people to flee by auto, train and plane, out of the hurricane's path to safety. In the recent Florida storm, the weather bureau posted warnings many hours in advance and perhaps thousands of lives were saved as a result.

In cooperation with the weather bureau, the "hurricane watch" is maintained by the Pan American Airways system throughout the Caribbean district, the "nest" of the storms. Its personnel includes weather observers, radio operators and airplane pilots and its network is so complete that nearly every hurricane at one time or another comes within its field of observation. Two-way communication hurricane watch have been through numerous hurricanes and their knowledge of what to expect and what to do, in addition to their personal bravery, makes them unsung heroes many, many times. To save the lives of people in the stricken zone and to keep their radio equipment operating so that an appeal for help may be flashed the instant the wind subsides. these men risk their own lives countless times. Lewis E. Sherouse, Pan American radio operator who has gone through so many hurricanes that he has won the nickname of "Hurricane," describes a West Indian storm in this manner:

"I received the final storm warning that the hurricane was traveling due west from opposite Tela, Honduras, and that it was

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# Mighty Midget Wins Contest with Big Racer

Midget auto racers can compete successfully with the big race cars if the distance is not too great. Recently in Los

more than made up for this because of its faster acceleration and its greater ease of

handling in the turns. Midget auto racing

has jumped to great popularity in a space of little more than two years. One reason

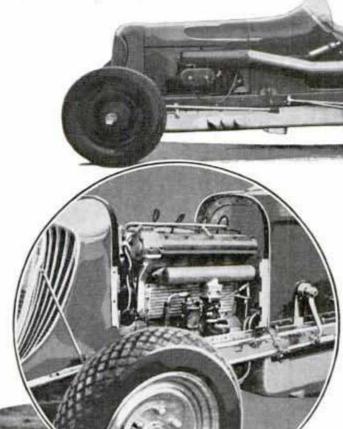
- for this is that the tracks are short and

the spectators view events taking place

almost "in their laps." More than 150

miniature speedways now are in regular operation throughout the country. Even

Angeles a midget car defeated a standard size speedway machine in a contest over a flat half-mile track, dirt-surfaced. The 900-pound midget was only seventy inches long but was capable of a top speed of more than 135 miles per hour. It competed against a \$10,000 racer with a cubic displacement more than twice that of the midget. Although lacking the top speed of the large car, the midget



Above, Typical Midget Racer; Left, Power Plant of a \$2,500 Midget; Below, Midget and Big Car Abreast

et racing is inexpensive compared
with the costly cars
and tracks necessary for big-car
contests, the investment in a midget
which will win prize
money consistently
often not exceeding
\$500. Many cars are
powered with outboard motors.

RADIO "PIPED" BY MONTH OVER LIGHT CIRCUIT

Radio programs without static, without advertising, without station announcements are being offered to home subscribers in some sections on a monthly fee basis. Wax recordings are being used exclusively at present. The pro-

grams are "piped" over the power lines of an electric company and brought into the home on telephone or light wires, thus eliminating static. Subscribers in Lakewood, Ohio, where the system is being installed, pay from \$1.50 to \$5.00 a month, depending on the type of radio cabinet leased. They may specify the type of programs desired, there being three channels of continuous service from six to eight o'clock in the morning until eleven or midnight, two providing diversified entertainment and the third dance music.

on short tracks the cars attain high speeds, eighty miles per hour on 100-yard straightaways being not uncommon. Midg-

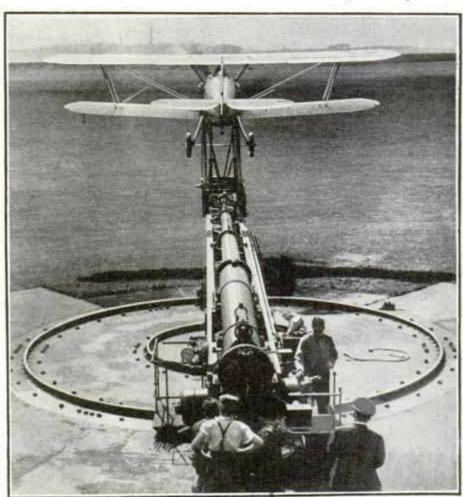
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# Land Catapult for Planes Trains Navy Flyers

Student pilots of the British fleet receive instructions in the catapulting of airplanes from ships without any danger of "getting their feet wet." An airplane catapult, similar to those used aboard a battleship, has been set up in a field at the air school in England. From this the rookie pilots are shot into the air during training until they master the technique of handling a plane launched with the aid of this device. Most modern warships now carry catapults for launching planes at sea, the ships being tossed from the decks of the boats at flying speed.

Right, Plane Resting on Catapult Ready to Be Launched; Below, Student Pilot of British Navy Being Shot into Air from a Land Catapult





# OXYGEN PUT IN VEIN SAVES LIFE AFTER BREATHING STOPS

Injection of oxygen into the veins may prove to be a life-saver for drowning persons, pneumonia patients and others threatened with death by suffocation. A dog deprived of oxygen in the lungs was kept alive for sixteen minutes by this method. The danger of clogging veins

with air bubbles has made it impossible to give men sufficient oxygen in this way to sustain life, but in experiments with animals the oxygen was injected in a pressure chamber under three atmospheres. The amount of oxygen animals could absorb depended on the distance of the injection point from heart and lungs, and the caliber of the veins through which the gas bubbles flowed.

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SIR MALCOLM CAMPBELL THERE'S NO LIMIT TO 3



# By SIR MALCOLM CAMPBELL

N SEPTEMBER 3, I made a new world's record on the Bonneville salt beds, west of Salt Lake City, when I drove the Bluebird over the measured mile for a world mark of 301.1292 miles an hour-the first man

ever to attain 300 miles an hour on land.

The Bluebird is equipped with tires which measure thirty-five by seven inches on the front and thirty-seven by seven and one-half on the rear, the latter wheels being dual, with the outside tires in line with the front tires. Tire pressures are 125 pounds in the front and 105 in the rear. The tires are fourteen ply with only sufficient tread to make the surface smooth-about onesixty-fourth inch.

Directly behind each rear wheel assembly is a wind brake, a section containing two square feet, built into the streamline of the car and hinged at the rear. These wind brakes are raised by vacuum pressure, which is governed by depressing the normal brake pedal beyond the stop necessary to engage the four-wheel mechanical brakes.

The radiator is of honeycomb type, built entirely across the front section of the car. There is a shutter across

Sir Malcolm Campbell and His Salt-Encrusted Bluebird and, Below, Movie Film of Instruments Taken During His Recent Run by a Special Camera Installed in His Car to Preserve the Record



The seating position is a bit to the right of center in order to put the propeller shaft alongside and to the left of the driver to obtain a lower seating position. That is the reason also for the offset tail assembly, which is directly behind the seat.

I rev my engine up to 3,200 before changing out of first, and up to the same revolutions in changing into top from second. The car's top speed in first is approximately 100 miles an hour; in second, 205 miles an hour and in top the theoretical speed is 330 miles an hour.

One of our great problems has been that of tires. I used small-diameter tires in the front to lessen the wind resistance, and I know now that they carried too much load and this was undoubtedly the cause of the left front blowing some time after I had passed through the measured mile. A tire turning 3,000 revolu-

tions per minute is subject to heating and a further cause of heating is

the nose of the car which may be closed manually. With this shutter closed, no outside air reaches the radiator, and the resultant streamline efficiency increases the car speed as much as fifteen miles an hour. However, it is only possible to close this shutter for a period of not to exceed twenty seconds; even so, the water starts boiling immediately the shutter is closed.

The power plant is a twelve-cylinder V-design Rolls-Royce aviation engine which develops 2,500 horsepower at 3,500 revolutions per minute. This is the same type engine used in the Schneider cup race which England won in 1931. The engine is supercharged with the standard type Rolls centrifugal supercharger, with a pressure of seventeen pounds to the square inch. The supercharger is geared nine to one. The engine weight dry is approximately 1,600 pounds and develops approximately one horsepower to every ten ounces of weight. It uses two and nine-tenths gallons of fuel every minute.



Top, Power Plant of the Bluebird; Center, the Car in Action; Bottom, Tire Which Blew Out During the Record-Smashing Run

the flexing of the tires at such terrific speed. While traveling full speed on the salt, I was amazed to see something that had never occurred before—the distortion of the casings to such an extent that they assumed an almost pointed appearance at the top. This great variation in shape from the section at the bottom which carried the load to the narrowed top section undoubtedly had the effect of greatly increasing the heat.

It was a weird experience driving at high speed over the salt. Imagine if you can an illimitable sea of dazzling white, with a range of mountains rising in the distance on the west. To the east as far as the eye can see was the flat, barren expanse of salt, fading in the distance to alkali mud flats. Ahead of me, to the north, eighteen or twenty miles away, lay what were once islands, jutting fantastically out of the lake bed to a height of perhaps 1,000 feet.

It seemed I was riding onward to the top of the horizon and that finally I should—as the ancient mariners thought—fall right over the edge of the world. The surface of the salt, as hard as pavement, after a thin film had been bladed off, was remarkably smooth—smoother than any surface over which I have ever driven.

In order to have a permanent record of engine speeds, acceleration, deceleration, supercharger and oil pressures, I had a duplicate set of instruments in the right side of the car, between the front and the rear wheels. Entirely inclosed in absolute darkness, lighted by a small globe the action of these duplicate instruments was accurately recorded on a moving-picture film by means of a small camera. The movie camera was wound for twenty minutes of action. The record on the movie film, I might add, was perfect and told us all we wished to know.

As to my future plans, I have none. Obviously, what I have done, some one else can improve on. Progress is continuous. There is practically no limit to any field of endeavor. I have been asked a thousand times what I consider the limit of land speed. I see none. Improvement in tires and car structure and engines will be made as we go along, to take care of the increased speed, stability and durability.

Knee Throttle Frees Foot for Braking the Car



Top, Showing Handy Knee Accelerator; Bottom, Close-Up of the Installation

By pressing the knee against an accelerator lever at the left side, the driver can control the auto engine, his feet free to operate clutch and brake. When alighting, the lever is pushed out of the way.

# SLEEP IS MORE COMFORTABLE IN AIR-CONDITIONED BED

You can sleep in comfort in warm weather in an air-conditioned bed surrounded by a canvas wall, but open at the top to allow air circulation. An air-conditioning unit supplies air at any temperature and humidity desired.



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France and England are busy today making their own copies of it. The ship, complete with motor, can be built for less than the price of a small automo-

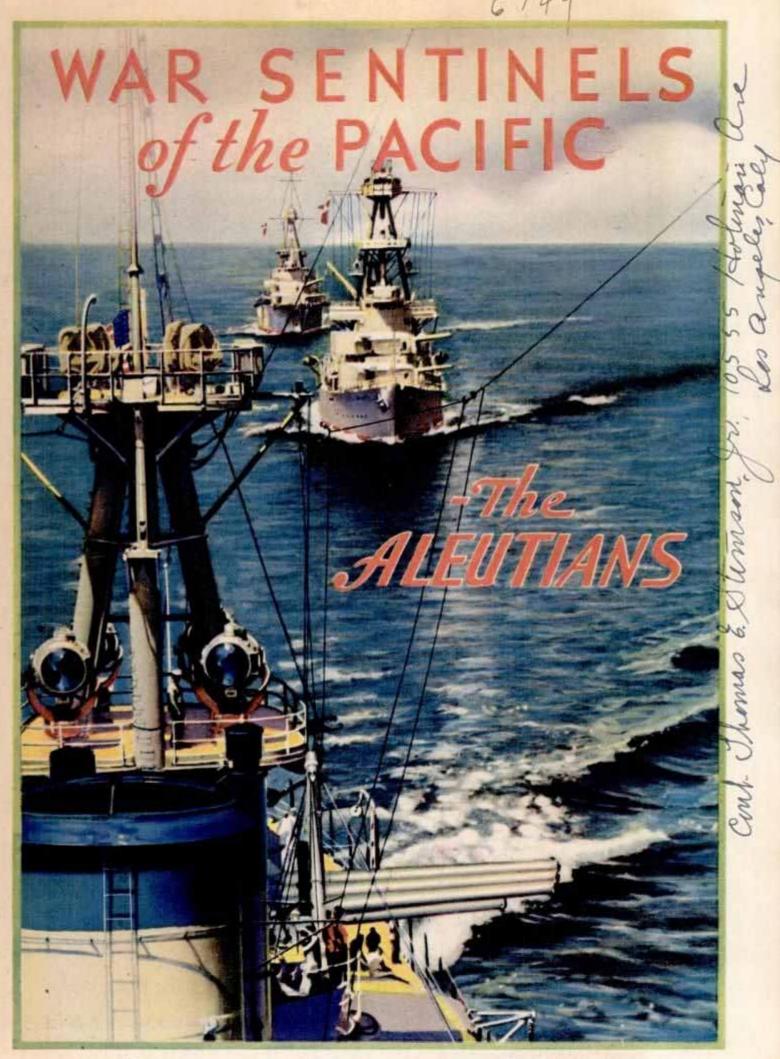
bile. All the necessary wood for the fuselage, cut to shape and marked, steel tube wheel axle, wheels, tires, elastic cord, fabric and all other parts are being supplied to builders by a British firm for less than \$150. A small two-stroke engine and a speed of more than sixty miles per hour, fresh idea for decoration. Translucent, can be obtained for from \$200 to \$300. The plane, with an over-all length of eleven feet six inches and a front wing span of down the front wing to give a gliding an-

gle when the control lever is released. Fuel tanks are contained in the front wing.

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# 8/072 Paint Makes Own Design

Paint that dries in patterns such as Jack wooden propeller to drive the ship at a Frost would etch on windowpanes is a this paint flows like varnish, but twenty minutes after it is brushed on it hardens in designs like frost crystals. Available in about eighteen feet, has a very large rud red, blue, green, gold and white, it is espeder but no ailerons. Elastic cord pull cially adapted to ornamenting book ends, lamp shades, bric-a-brac and flower pots.



A PART of Uncle Sam's battle fleet during maneuvers in the Caribbean sea.

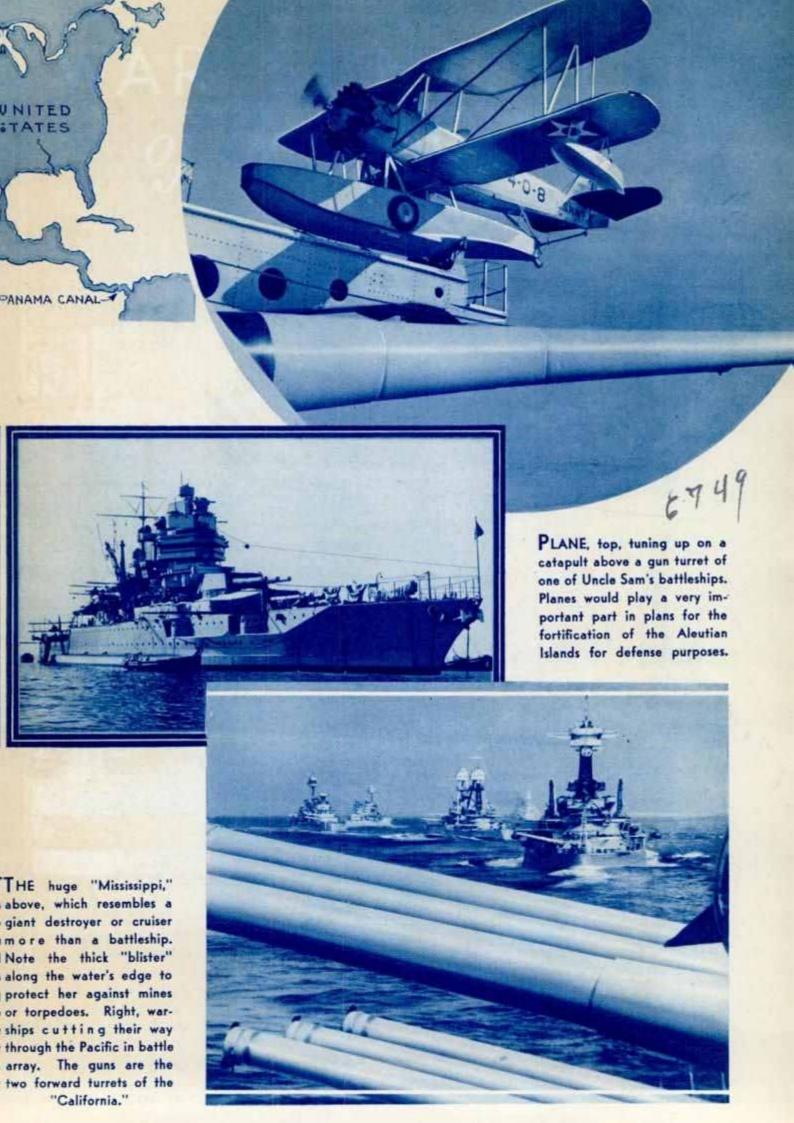


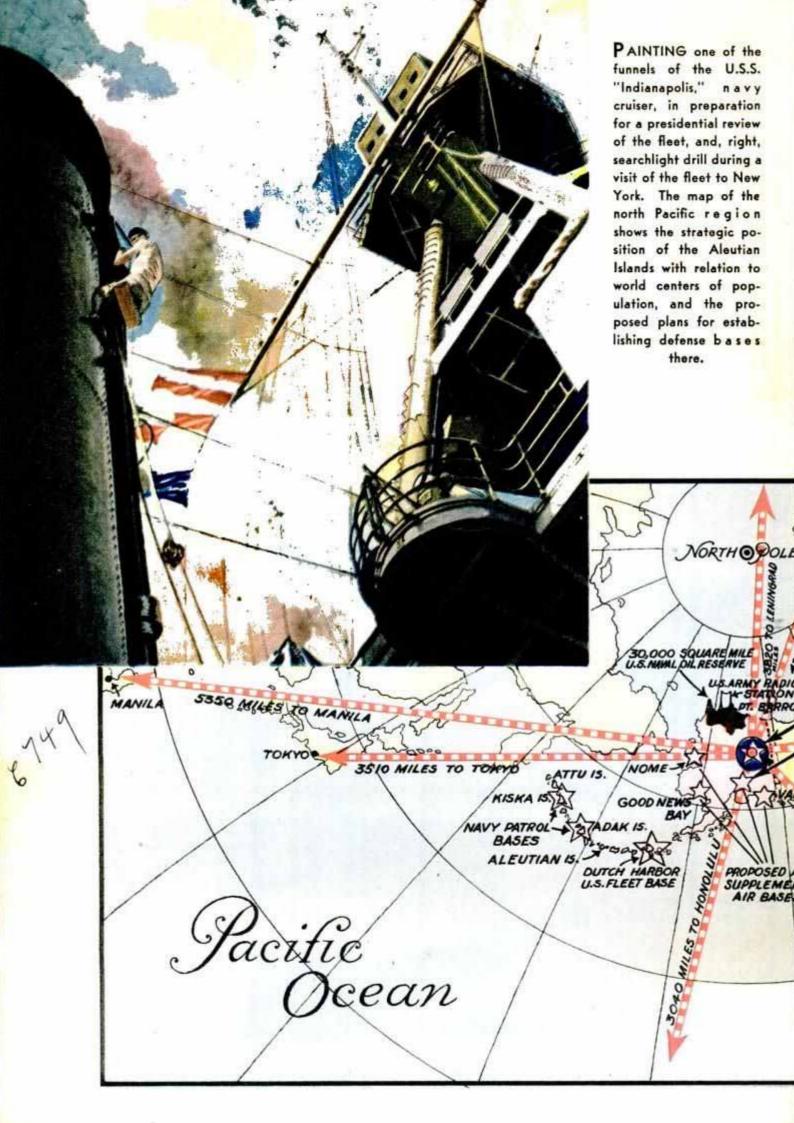


SEAPLANE being catapulted into air at a speed of eighty-five miles per hour with aid of sixteen pounds of powder, and map showing Great Circle routes from California to Orient, and bringing out the military importance of the Aleutian Islands.

N an almost unknown chain of islands may some day rest the safety of the United States. For the protection of the country an American Gibraltar may be created on a grim and storm-torn archipelago, 1,000 miles long, in the north Pacific.

Most people think of the Aleutian islands as only desolate masses of rock that were tossed in with Alaska at the time of the Seward purchase, but study a globe and you will see that, due to the curvature of the earth, the islands straddle the shortest route to the orient. One is within 275 miles of Asia, two hours away by airplane. They are only 300 miles north of the great circle route between California and Japan. From the Aleutians, warships could repulse an overseas attack, harass enemy ships, and serve as a line of supply to vessels operating far at sea. Occupation of the







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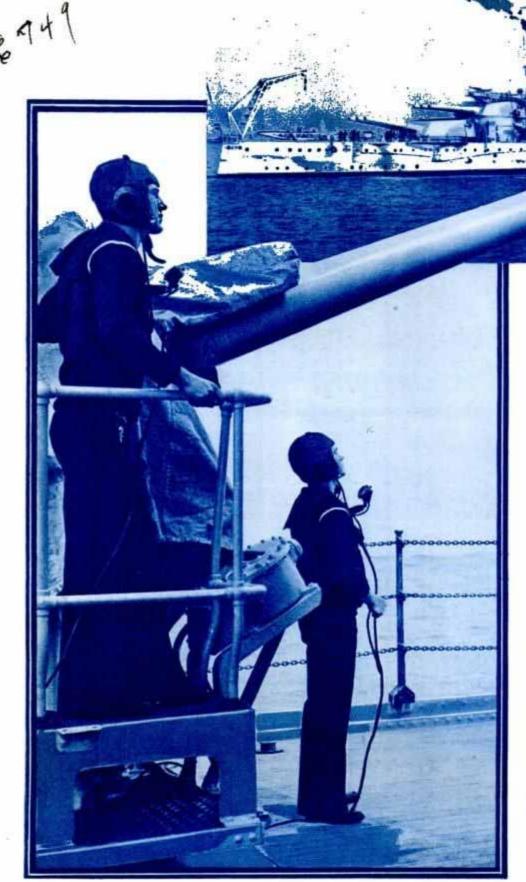
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islands would prevent an enemy from using them as a convenient base for attacks on the mainland.

These are the reasons why, in the eyes of naval strategists, the barren sentinels are the key to the supremacy of the north Pacific and, linked with Hawaii, form the first outposts for national defense in the west. With these thoughts in mind the army and navy are planning to establish supply, aviation and radio bases there. In 1934 army planes flew from Washington, D. C., to Fairbanks, Alaska, and return. In the same year three navy expeditions went north to study the Aleutians. This year the navy made direct use of the islands in its maneuvers.

The secret results of this year's fleet problem will be the basis of future defense plans. For that reason wartime conditions were simulated during the six weeks period of the games and the utmost secreey was maintained. For weeks the whole fleet was "lost" as far as shore contacts were concerned. The war games comprised the most extensive peacetime operations in the history of the navy. Admiral Joseph M. Reeves conducted the maneuvers, moving his ships back and forth across a chessboard consisting of 5,000,000 square miles of



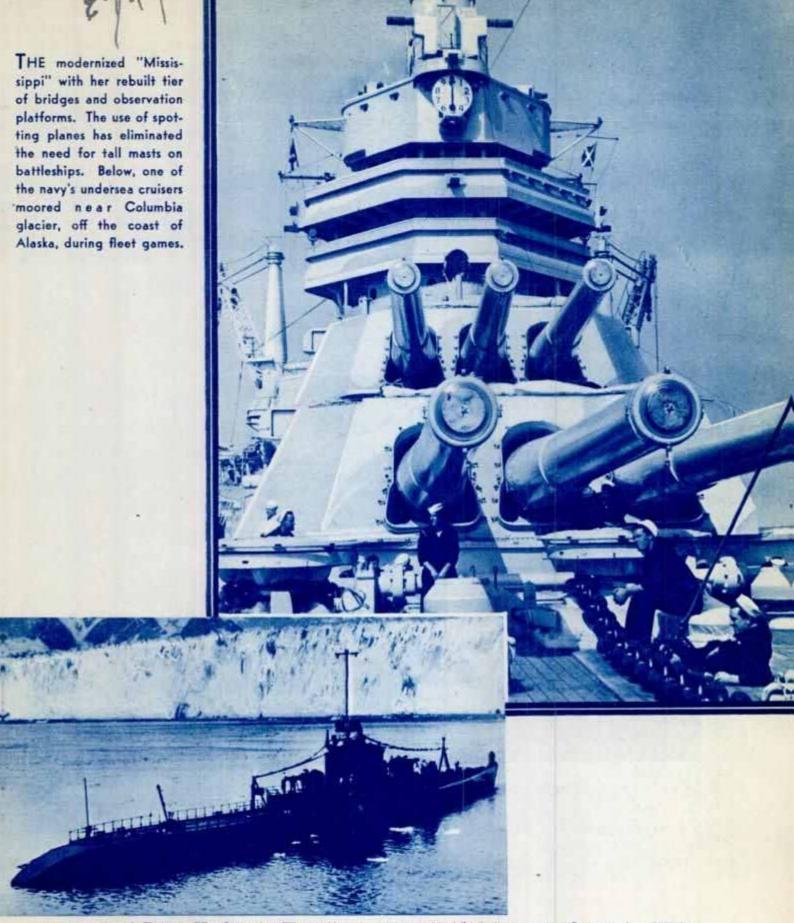
ABOVE, the U.S.S. "Idaho," one of Uncle Sam's latest battle cruisers. Left, anti-aircraft gunners watching the burst of a five-inch shell. These guns are heavy enough to bring down any aircraft. Note that the gunners wear telephone sets inside their helmets. These are for receiving orders from the gunnery officer.

ocean inside the area bounded by California, Alaska, Midway island and Hawaii. The mighty games culminated a year of intensive drilling.

About 500 airplanes, nearly 200 ships, and 55,000 men took part in the maneuvers. Ponderous battleships cruised far from land, fast cruisers scouted thousands of miles, destroyers dashed off under sealed orders, while furtive submarines below the surface and swarms

of planes in the air dovetailed into the exercises. For the first time, the new aircraft carrier "Ranger" and new submarines, destroyer leaders, and heavy cruisers took part in the games.

One phase of the maneuvers hinged on using the Aleutian islands as a base. Then from this northern haven ships were sent on defense and offense missions to the south. In another phase, 165 warships were squeezed through the fortified

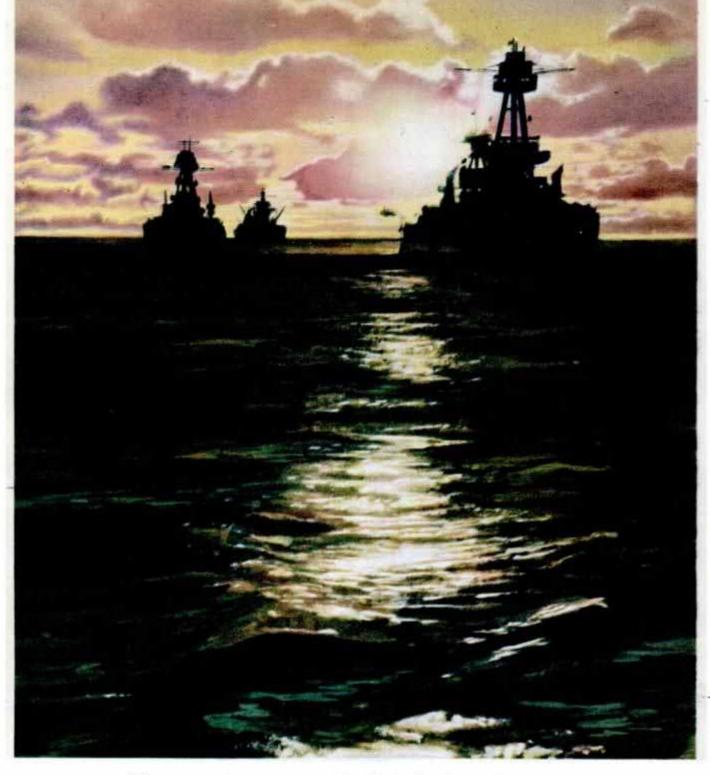


entrance of Pearl Harbor in Hawaii to test the naval station's facilities. Later a defending force, representing an enemy, was landed at Midway island in the center of the Pacific nearly 1,400 miles west of Honolulu. Aided by submarines, the defenders did their best to repulse night and day attacks in which forty-six seaplanes that flew direct from Hawaii took part. After this the forces

were divided into two fleets, the White fleet with eighty-three ships and the Black with seventy-seven, for a gigantic mock naval engagement.

In other phases of the games warships practiced antisubmarine drills by dodging submarines that pursued them, eighty huge patrol wing seaplanes from as far away as San Diego and Panama practiced advance base operations, 300

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THREE units of Uncle Sam's mighty fleet riding the Pacific at sunset.

aircraft simulated an aerial attack on the fleet, and submarines were kept at sea for a solid month. It was learned that in an actual war the fleet would have to depend a great deal upon the American merchant marine for auxiliary and supply ships because of the great distances in the Pacific. Aside from the actual fighting ships, a fleet requires hospital ships, transports, food, ammunition, and repair ships, and fuel tankers in order to remain on the high seas for long periods.

In the north, the navy already has a base at Dutch Harbor, Unalaska island,

near the Alaskan mainland, which serves as headquarters for extensive aerial mapping and harbor sounding expeditions, as well as meteorological surveys. Most people think of the Aleutians as frigid, ice-bound islands but their harbors are always open and the weather is not often extremely cold. The area, however, is a breeding place for storms and the skies are rarely clear.

Weather conditions like these, navy officials think, would be an advantage in defense although the mists might also hide an enemy bound for Puget sound. But when (Continued to page 130A)

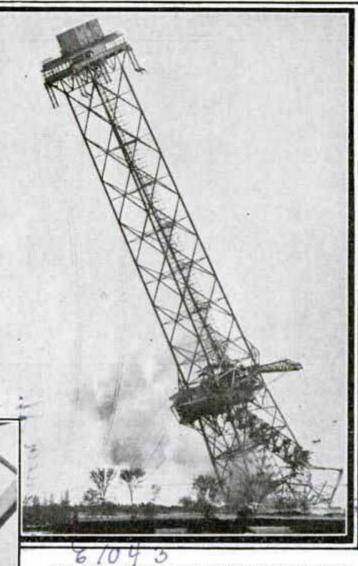
### Skyride Tower Felled by Melting Steel Legs

Intense heat was employed by wrecking engineers in toppling the 3,000,000-pound east tower of the "Skyride," a major attraction of Chicago's Century of Progress. Huge "overshoes" in the form of cupolas made of steel and lined with firebrick were constructed around two legs of the tower and filled with 1,500 pounds of thermite, a mixture of aluminum and iron oxide. When fired by electricity the thermite generated a temperature of more than 5,000 degrees about the two legs, melting the ten-foot sections almost instantly, causing the tower to tip and then to crash. A microphone attached to the tip of the tower broadcast the noise of the fall by radio, and the spectacle



East Tower of Skyride Crashing after Two Legs Had Been Melted by Thermite in Cupolas, Below

was viewed by a crowd estimated at more than 100,000. The west tower had been wrecked several weeks earlier with dynamite. The 628-foot twin towers, the cables which supported the cars passing between them and the elevators cost more than \$1,750,000 to erect.



#### BRAKE TESTER MOUNTED IN CAR

Mounted on steering column or the dash, a brake tester for automobiles, trucks and buses keeps accurate check on the efficiency of brakes. It gives approximate stopping distance and test readings can be made at twenty, thirty or forty miles per hour. The device works on the decelerom-

eter principle, its pointer moving across the face of the dial as the car is braked to a stop. The dial shows one section, "Not Safe," another, "Good," and a third "Excellent," the section in



which the pointer stops indicating the approximate condition of the brakes. The instrument is easy to operate.

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POPULAR MECHANICS

# Midget Snowstorm Cools Interior of Plane Quickly



Spraying Plane with Artificial Snow; Interior Can Be Cooled Quickly by a Shower of This Frozen Carbon Dioxide

By creating a miniature snowstorm in the passenger cabin of transport planes is unknowingly operated too many times. Pennsylvania Airlines has found a way to cool the interior quickly in warm weather. This method lowers the temperature to a spoint of comfort, so that incoming passen gers are greeted by a pleasant air-cooled atmosphere which continues until the plane has reached an altitude at which cool Sair is natural. As soon as planes have been cleared of passengers upon landing, airport attendants spray the passenger cabins with a gas, basically carbon dioxide, which has a temperature of 109 degrees below zero. Issuing from the spray apparatus as "dry snow," this gas quickly evaporates without leaving a trace of moisture. For safety, passengers are not permitted in the plane during, nor immediately after, the cooling process. Planes can be dispatched within a few minutes after arrival.

#### PEARL FINISH EASY TO APPLY LIKE ORDINARY LACQUER

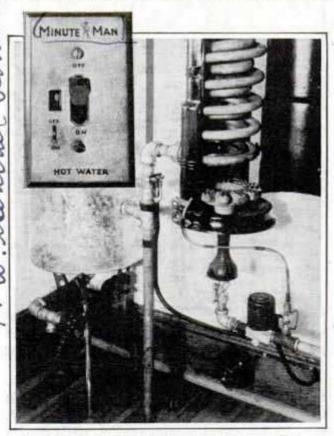
Beautiful effects can be obtained with pearl lacquer, and it is as easily applied with a spray as any other finish. To manufacture it, pearl essence is added to ordinary clear lacquer. This essence consists

of minute flakes taken from the skin of some species of fish, at the base of the scales. The flakes are suspended in the lacquer and as it dries they assume varied angular positions, reflecting light in such a manner as to produce a pearllike effect. Not only is it easy to apply, but pearl finish can be readily touched up and repaired.

#### TIME SWITCH TURNS ON GAS WATER HEATER

Remote control for the water heater is provided by a convenient electric time switch unit. Flip any one of the switches installed in kitchen, bathroom, laundry or bedroom and the gas is turned on in the basement heater for just three minutes. For another three minutes, another flip of the switch. As an added protection against overheating, a thermostat

Tautomatically checks the gas if the switch



Gas Water Heater Showing Installation of Time-Controlled Lighter; Inset, the Lighter Switch

Any number of switches throughout the house can be connected to the lighter unit.

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# Flivver Plane Without Tail Almost Flies Itself

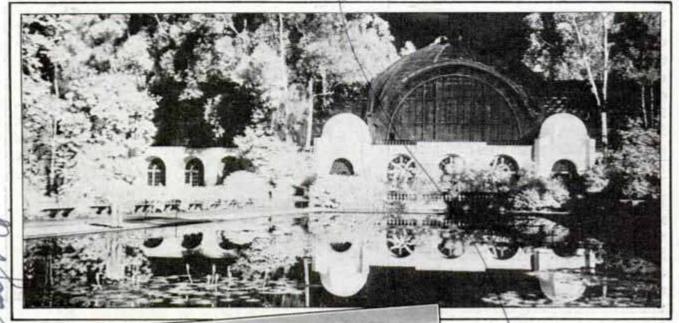
Experiments which may eliminate the rudder and permit control of gliding range without changing gliding speed are being conducted by the bureau of air commerce with a small plane equipped with special ailerons and flaps intended to make it easier to fly. The ship, with engine and propeller at the rear, was designed by Fred Weick, then taken over by the government and equipped by an airplane company with the new flaps and ailerons. The threewheel landing gear permits landing at any speed with immediate application of the brakes, and the arrangement of the engine and tail surfaces is such that the plane, when trimmed to fly at a certain speed, will maintain that speed automatically, irrespective of throttle manipulation. Opening the throttle causes the ship to climb, closing it puts the craft into a glide. For turning a conventional ship in a Small Plane Equipped with Special Flaps and Ailerons Intended to Replace Rudder and Make It Easier to Control and Fly Than the Conven-

horizontal plane, both the rudder and ailerons are used, and for turning in a vertical plane, the throttle and elevators must be coordinated. In this ship it is hoped to achieve the right relationship between banking and turning with the ailerons only, obviating the necessity of a rudder for normal turns. The special flaps elim-

inate the need of using the rudder to shorten the glide. The third use of the rudder, to correct for cross-wind landings, may be eliminated by the special type of landing gear used. In tests at Langley field, the plane was taken off and landed ninety degrees off the wind without using the rudder.

tional Ship

# PICTURES from Invisible







Infrared Shot of San Diego Exposition, and Ordinary Photo and Infrared Picture of View from Summit of Logan Pass in Glacier Park; the Lower Photograph Is the Infrared One

#### By DON BLACK

THERE were no clouds but the day was heavy with haze. Overhead the sun at noon sent down a sickly yellow light. On the ground visibility was scarcely ten miles. Even 23,000 feet aloft, high in the sub-stratosphere, the haze had not thinned appreciably.

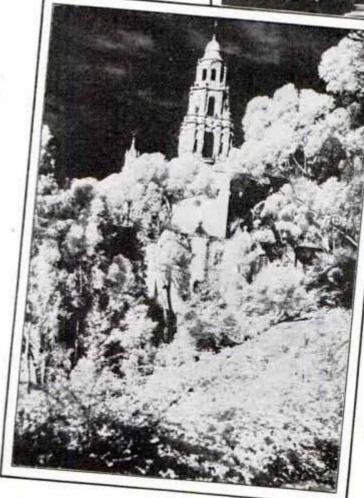
Through the pale obscurity, Capt. A. W. Stevens, the army's ace photographer, knew that 331 miles to the north stood snow-clad Mt. Shasta, 14,000 feet above sea level. It could hardly have been seen even from that height on the clearest day. Stevens waved a hand and his pilot switched off the motor, nosed the plane into a gentle glide. It seemed to hang motionless in the sky. Carefully the photographer trained his twenty-inch camera, after setting the diaphragm Rodah C. Rochester, ny LIGHT

opening at f:5 and took a slow one-fifth second.

The picture Stevens got startled the scientific world. It was not the first photograph to be taken by infrared rays but this 1932 negative of Mt. Shasta printed with such compelling drama that it found publishers around the world.

Today, with infrared rays and plates, it is a simple matter to take pictures in absolute darkness. Rare manuscripts and valuable old papers are deciphered with ease

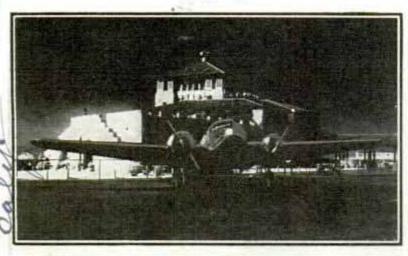




Infrared Photos of San Diego Exposition, Showing Strange Effects Provided by the Green Shrubbery Which Comes Out White in Bright Sunshine

from infrared photographs. Criminologists are employing the rays as a means of facial identification. With them biologists are reporting extraordinary success in the study of skin diseases and in locating varicose veins. Because of its miraculous fog penetration, great ocean liners nose with increasing confidence through crowded sea lanes. Photomicrographs with infrared reveal hitherto unsuspected details in the internal structure of insects.

The amateur photographer, however, has been slow to realize that infrared is also available for the most inexpensive camera and provides a fascinating hobby at little cost. A few gelatin filters purchased at ten cents per square inch are virtually the only extra equipment required, if you have





Top, an Infrared Photo of a Transport Plane, and, Below It, an Ordinary Shot of the Same Ship





Old Boldy and San Gabriel Mountains Taken with Infrared and hy Ordinary Maans from Fifty Miles

holders to take glass plates. Infrared plates may be obtained for \$1.10 per dozen in the four by five size.

Infrared rays are heat rays and invisible. The ordinary electric-light globe gives off light and also warmth. The globe is hot because of the invisible infrared or heat rays. The best sources of the rays are the sun, the arc lamp and the tungsten lamp filament. The photoflash also gives off heat rays, as do soldering irons, electric heaters and other devices.

If the light from the household bulb is passed through a spectrograph you will find all the colors of the rainbow. Although a continuation of the red end, infrared is outside the color spectrum and thus invisible. The ordinary photographic plate or film responds to blue and violet light and to the invisible rays beyond the violet end of the spectrum known as the ultraviolet. It was found that if a plate were bathed in solutions of certain dyes it would respond to light of other colors. Still newer dyes make possible the infrared plates of today that record invis-

ible light. One of the most striking characteristics of infrared photography is its amazing distance and range. There actually is no limit, save for curvature of the earth.

With ordinary plates or films, the detail in distant objects is poor, even though visible to the naked eye. This is because the air suspends minute particles of water

vapor that break up the actinic spectrum rays which produce the normal photograph. Water vapor, however, is penetrated with ease by the infrared and distant objects show clearly. This is not true of smoke in the air although there is a certain penetration beyond the limitations of ordinary plates.

In infrared photography there are certain limitations as to the camera. Infra rays pass through certain materials impervious to ordinary light. Thus the black cloth of a focal-plane shutter is no barrier. A Graflex may be used in time exposures, however, by opening and closing the mirror. With a newspaper Speed Graphic, only a front-lens shutter can be employed. Diaphragm leaves should be of steel rather than composition materials.

Box cameras that take a plate holder are "Stop, Look" Signal in Auto safe, as are most types of aerial cameras and the Contax "candid" camera equipped with a flexible steel shutter. Infrared film in this standard thirty-five-millimeter size is available.

Most leather bellows, at least on the later cameras, are infrared proof. Rubber, plate-holder slides, however, should be changed for metal. Hard rubber transmits infrared rays and plates may be fogged. There is one type, however, which may be identified by three or five dots on the metal tops, which is safe.

As yet, only glass plate films are avail-They may be obtained in most standard sizes. The type 1-R is recommended for initial experiments. These plates will keep for several months but & are best preserved if cold. If kept in an ice box or refrigerator, remove the plates several hours before they are used. If not, permitted to warm up considerably, "sweat" will form on the plates and give rise to markings.

Best results are obtained by the use of red filters. The Wratten A, Tri-Color Red, infrared, thus requiring no difference in exposure, the No. 87 also cuts down on the infra rays. Thus somewhat longer exposures must be made. In general, any filter that removes all violet and blue light may be employed. Best results are obtained by focusing with the filter in place, with exception of the No. 87. Gelatin filters are inexpensive. Cemented glass filters range from \$1.65, unmounted, to \$3.75.

Meters are of no assistance because they do not react to infrared rays, so exposures\_ would be largely guesswork without the benefit of the experience of others. J. H. Washburn, photographer for the Lockheed Aircraft company and an authority on infrared photography, has found that onefifth or one-tenth second with bright sun at f:4.5 is a basic exposure. This is with the No. 25 filter. Stopping down the aperture to f:45 should bring good results with a six-second exposure. He also has made good negatives on dark, cloudy days at: f:16 and twenty-five seconds, which is about the equivalent of two seconds at

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# Warns Driver of Crossing

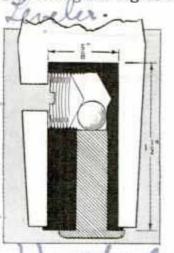


Red Light and Bell on Dashboard Give Warning to Motorist When He Approaches Grade Crossing

Railroad crossings are no peril to one No. 25, is most used. The 20-1.
sometimes effective, as likewise is the No. Stop, Look, Listen signal on sometimes effective, as likewise is the No. Stop, Look, Listen signal on sometimes effective, as likewise is the No. Stop, Look, Listen signal on the sometimes and a bell rings below the sometimes are also sometimes as a railshut out only the visible light and not the \( \sqrt{when the automobile approaches a railroad. The signals are connected with a detector unit sensitive to steel imbedded in the road.

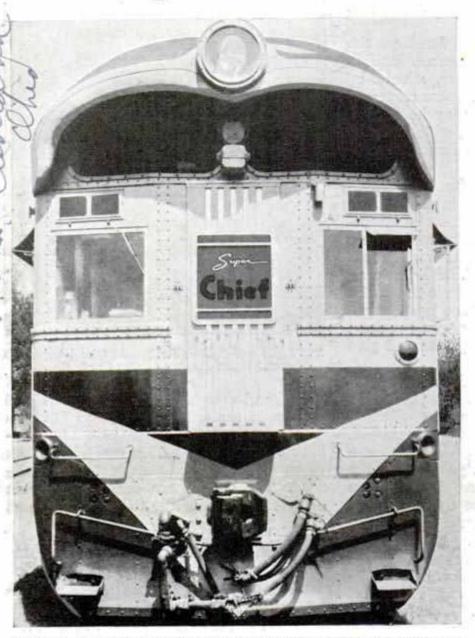
#### "STRETCHER" EVENS CHAIR LEGS

Wobbling chairs, tables and beds can be kept level with an "equalizer" which fits like a caster inside the leg. A set screw controls a ball and plunger which move down or up in a cylinder, lengthening or shortening the leg as required. When the



screw is turned in, its cone-shaped head presses against the ball, causing it to push the plunger down. By loosening the set screw, the ball is released upward. The devices is one and onehalf inches high by five-eighths of anfinch wide

## Blunt-Nosed Diesel Speedster Challenges Rail Time-Tables



Front View of Powerful Diesel Locomotive Built for Chicago-to-California Passenger Service; Square Nose Is Departure from Tradition

Into the race against time the Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe railway enters and Diesel-electric locomotive described as the most powerful of its type on rails. It has two distinct power plants, each comprising two V-type twelve-cylinder, highcompression, two-cycle oil engines rated at 900 horsepower. The units can be operated singly from control cabs at either end of the car, or linked into a single 3,600horsepower traction unit. The engines weigh only twenty pounds per horsewhich 1,600 gallons are carried. With the

new type locomotive the Santa Fe road plans to challenge its own passenger train schedules between Chicago and Los Angeles, believing its greater flexibility and elimination of stops for fuel will make possible faster travel than with steam engines. The maximum safe speed of the Diesel locomotive is put at ninety-eight miles an hour, already equaled by steam locomotives, but the Diesel's low center of gravity and rotating type of motive plant permit greater speed on curves and bridges; it accelerates more rapidly and requires fewer operating stops. The twin Diesel power car cost \$360,000, but lower fuel and operating costs are expected to offset the high initial expenditure. Removable steel "skirts" covering the wheels and under part of the body give a streamline effect but the nose is quite blunt. The cabs at either end are connected. by aisles on each side, flanking the engine rooms. Heavy motor parts can be lifted through removable roof sections when necessary.

#### DENTAL ILLS SEEN CLEARLY BY MERCURY VAPOR LIGHT

Unhealthy teeth and diseased mouth tissues show themselves up in the greenish spotlight of a mercury vapor lamp. Some dentists are using this light for diagnosis in preference to sunlight or common electric bulbs./ Under the mercury lamp, sound teeth appear whiter and there is a slight charactéristic fluorescence. Tartar and film deposits on teeth do not possess this power, economical in weight as in fuel, of fluorescence and stand out in contrast to healthy teethe

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Football Dodge Dummy Trains Ball Carrier

Some of the tricks of open field running on the gridiron can be learned by stiff-arming the dummy tackler, newest addition to the mechanical teaching staff of the football coach. Devised by a former football player and coach, it consists of a sheet-steel cone mounted on a discarded autotruck casing, which gives resiliency. The cone is partly filled with sand.



Top, Stiff-Arming the Dummy; Left, Ball Carrier Plunging between Dummies

From the top projects a cast-steel arm, adjustable to ten positions, at the end of which is a head fitted with a regulation football headgear. Setting it at various positions, the ball carrier can practice line plunging, stiff-arming and dodging without any risk of injury to himself or the tackler. Two or more dummies can be arranged on the field like a series of tacklers through whom the runner must weave, pivot and sidestep, developing footwork.

# 'Overcoat' Put on Speedboat to Reduce Wind Resistance

Cabin and tail of a speedboat at Chelmsford, Mass., were given a streamline

"overcoat" by the owner, who built a two-piece cowling over the body. Its cabin, completely inclosed, is ventilated by openings over the airplane-glass windshield and air is drawn out through a large vent in the tail. Passengers enter through a door in the roof. The boat is twelve feet long, including the four-foot tail, whose separate cowling can

be lifted off to remove the sixteen-horsepower electric-starting outboard motor.



Two-Piece Streamline Cowling Covers Cabin and Tail of Boat

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# "Queen Mary" and Oat Field Are Neighbors



Shocks of Oats Form a Strange Frame for the "Queen Mary," Nearing Completion in Shipyards on the River Clyde in Scotland; on Opposite Banks Are Grain Fields and Giant Cranes and Derricks

Through stacks of ripe oats looms the giant liner "Queen Mary," for agriculture and industry are neighbors on the banks of the river Clyde in Scotland. Before another harvest the 80,000-ton Cunarder will have left its rustic birthplace to enter transatlantic passenger service and perhaps ring up another speed record.

### Metal "Gizzard" Tests Grit Best Suited for Feeding Hens



Iron "Gizzard" Testing Samples of Grit Intended for Chickens While Hen Watches the Operation

Hens require grit and gravel to aid digestion and to provide the necessary calcium for the formation of egg shells, but heretofore comparatively little has been known about the best kind of grit for this purpose. A "mechanical gizzard" has been developed recently at the University of Maryland to test the various kinds. The "gizzard" predigests the grit enabling experimenters to select the varieties best adapted for "chicken feed."

# AUTO GAS PERIL INCREASES

Deadly carbon-monoxide gas is present in a measurable quantity, in six out of every ten cars on the road. Tests conducted by the Evanston. Ill., police accident prevention squad showed some monoxide fumes in sixty per cent of the automobiles examined. Sixteen parts of this colorless,

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odorless, tasteless gas in 10,000 parts of air are enough to cause unconsciousness in an hour and death in an hour and onehalf, so the presence of any appreciable amount of the fumes in a car should be a cause for alarm. One way to eliminate the menace from your own car is to have the exhaust system checked regularly, particularly in the fall, because cold motors produce more of the gas and closed windows keep more of it in the car.

#### TRAVELING IRRIGATOR FOR FARM SAVES CROPS FROM DROUGHT

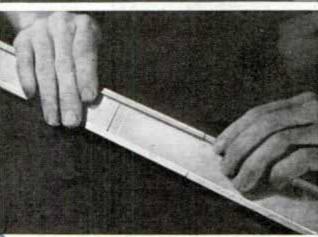
Insuring his alfalfa and clover crop against drought, an Oregon dairy farmer has built a traveling irrigator from used automobile wheels and old pipe. Seven revolving sprinklers provide two inches of water on a strip sixty feet wide in four to five hours. Three men can move the system from one area to the next in less than half an hour. The pipe, which has rubber couplings between the sections, runs through the hubs of the wheels. A fivehorsepower electric motor operates the pump at a cost of five to six dollars and acre per year. The system cost about \$500.



Irrigator Made of Old nd Operated by an Electric Motor

### enetian Blind Ventilator Adjusts to Fit Window





djustable Window Ventilator for Bedroom Permits Free Circulation of Air but Assures Privacy

Modeled after a Venetian blind, an adjustable window ventilator for the bedroom or bathroom offers complete privacy but permits free circulation of air. It consists of two slotted uprights which are screwed to the window frame in such a manner that they do not interfere with raising or lowering the window. Adjustable metal slats are slipped into the slots, resting at such an angle that free circulation of air is permitted. While no outside eye can peer in, limited vision is permitted from the inside. The metal slats can be quickly removed or the entire device can be moved by changing the two uprights. The ventilator is thirteen inches high and comes in two widths, a minimum of twenty-two inches and a maximum of thirty. and a minimum of twenty-eight inches and a maximum of thirty-nine inches.

HUNTING

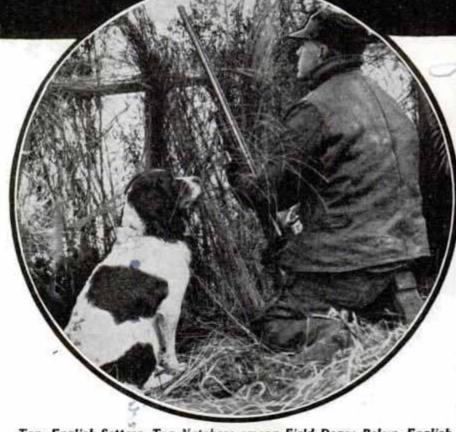


#### By BOB BECKER

HROUGH the autumn and winter thousands of well-bred, trained dogs will be put to work after going to "school," or just resting and waiting for the big days in the fields. The canines that will have to put in arduous hours of work are the hunting dogs, those loved breeds which add much to the joy of hunting.

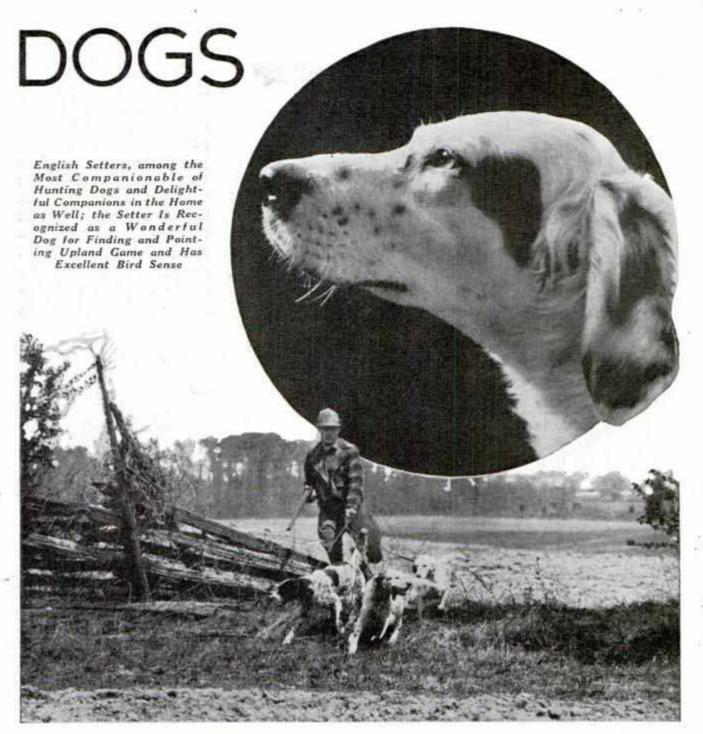
Among the better known breeds that are an incalculable asset to field sports are the trim pointer, the handsome English setter and the mahogany-coated Irish setter which thrill every

erful Chesapeake Bay retriever, a real American breed, the fast Labrador re-



Top, English Setters, Top-Notchers among Field Dogs; Below, English Springer Spaniel in a Duck Blind Awaiting His Master's Orders

quail and upland game hunter. Another atriever and the quaint-looking Irish water group of hunting dogs are known as re- spaniel. This is the rough and ready, linetrievers. This "squad" includes the pow- smashing group that forms the first line ... of offense for the waterfowl and upland game hunter. Another army of sportsmen



call into action the springer spaniels, one of the most popular "dual purpose" dogs in the country, the cocker spaniel, that merry little dog with such an interesting English history and the slower clumber spaniel.

Also contributing their share to the fun of hunting is the musical-voiced beagle hound, which "sings" by night when he strikes the fresh scent of game, the popular, long-eared coon hound, and the rangy foxhound, another dog with a grand-opera voice. Most of these breeds are absolute necessities in hunting and the dogs not only help their masters find game, but many of them also compete in field trials.

These hunting breeds differ in origin, character and working qualities. They have, through the years, developed an ability to do one or two things especially well. The English setter, one of the most companionable of hunting dogs, was originally used as a dog to "set" coveys of birds so the early hunters could net the game birds. Of course, this was before the use of firearms, and it was not considered unsportsmanlike to net game birds. Today the setter with his silky coat, lovable disposition, expressive eyes, good nose and excellent bird sense would be insulted if anybody netted birds in front of him. To those who like days in the field with a



even today a red setter shows a trace of this. The Irish setter is every inch a hunter and a flashy performer too. The Gordon setter, another handsome member of the pointing dog group, is a deep, shiny coal-black with tan markings. A Gordon stands about twenty-two to twentyfive inches at the shoulder and is an extremely hardy dog but unfortunately he has not made

shotgun, the English setter fits into the picture perfectly. The breed makes a delightful companion in the home and is recognized as a wonderful dog for finding and pointing upland game.

Ever since the pointer,

a short-haired, smooth-coated bird dog, was introduced into England from Spain, it has been a rival to the setter. Those first pointers were slow, so breeders introduced new hound blood to produce a faster dog. By careful breeding through the years we have today a useful, handsome bird dog weighing around fifty or fifty-five pounds, smooth-coated, rangy, fast, with intelligence and marvelous scenting ability.

The Irish setter is the "red setter" to many dog lovers. This is the beautiful, mahogany-red hunting dog to which Ireland gives its name. Thousands of dog lovers admire his sparkle, beauty, personality and intelligence. Certainly there is a lot of "color" in this breed's temperament as well as in his coat. The Irisher works like the other pointing dogs—ranging ahead of the guns to find and point his game. A long time ago Irish breeders had setters with a lot of white on them and

Above, Two English Setters; Bottom, English Labrador Retriever and an Irish Water Spaniel

wery much headway in America as yet.

When we look into the duck blinds, we find a trio of dogs that might be called the "backfield" for the waterfowl shooter.

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### Half-Tones Made on Photo Film Cost Less



HALFTONE SCREEN
IS INSERTED
BETWEEN NEGATIVE
AND UNEXPOSED
POSITIVE FILM

DOTS ARE RAISED ON POSITIVE FILM BY A SPECIAL DEVELOPER

TRAYS USED MUST BE GLASS OR CELLULOID

Drawings Show Successive Stages in Faking Photograph and Transforming Film into Half-Tone Cut Which Can Be Mounted for Use on Printing Press

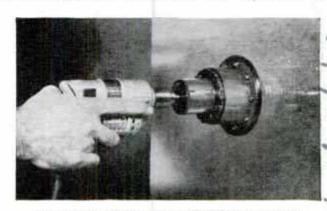
For only twenty-five cents you can transform an ordinary photograph negative into a half-tone cut suitable for the printing press, and the process takes just eight minutes. These cuts, mounted type high on wood blocks, have been used 25,000 times in printing runs, and they can be used to make electrotypes, thus saving much of the cost and time required to prepare a zinc etching. First the picture is taken and the film developed in the usual way. Then the negative is placed in contact with another undeveloped film, a special screen furnished by the manufacturer is inserted between the two films, and the exposure is made The second, or

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positive film is then developed in special chemicals for four or five minutes, washed and allowed to dry. The developer, available on the market, builds up the half-tone dots on the positive film instead of etching them, as in the zinc method.

#### Electric Drill for Glass Has a Suction Guide of Rubber

Drilling holes in glass, marble or chinaware, usually a precarious undertaking, is made easy with a small electric drill equipped with a rubber suction guide which can be placed in any position, holding the tool very rigid, thus preventing breaking and chipping. A clean cut is made and the equipment includes drills from one-half inch to six inches. The suction guide enables the operator to drill from a horizontal or vertical position or from any angle.



Electric Drill for Glass with Suction Guide

# Midget Hurdles Rival in Death-Defying Race



Racers and Fans Had a Breath-Taking Thrill When No. 18, Roaring into the Turn, Skidded and Leaped over No. 43; Inches from Death, Both Drivers Righted Their Cars and Shot on around the Track

Leap frog is a dangerous game for racing cars sizzling down the track at eighty or 100 miles an hour. Trying to pass No. 43 on a turn during a 100-mile midget auto race, Curly Mills of Los Angeles, driving No. 18, skidded and in a flash his car leaped into the air and hurdled his rival. It was a hair-breadth escape, but both cars

continued until Jimmy Prock of Detroit, in No. 43, was forced to withdraw several laps later. This was one of the thrills of midget auto racing, mushrooming into wide popularity. The six-foot cars attain speeds as high as 135 miles an hour on small tracks, of which there are more than 150 in the United States.

Collie Proves Dogs Can Think by Tilting Electric Dial

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Testing Dog's Mental Energy with Electric Meter

Do dogs think? A collie proved he could by agitating the needle of a meter used to measure man's mental effort in terms of electric energy. A positive electrode was placed on the dog's upper jaw, the negative connected to one paw. Familiar questions were put to the collie-"Do you want to go bye-bye?" and "Where is your master?" In each case the dial of the instrument, calibrated to show resistance from 1,000 to 60,000 ohms, responded in much the same manner as in tests of human beings. In applying the meter to the human mind, the dial would register high resistance when an unschooled person is given a difficult mathematics problem, while one adept at mathematics would record less mental exertion.

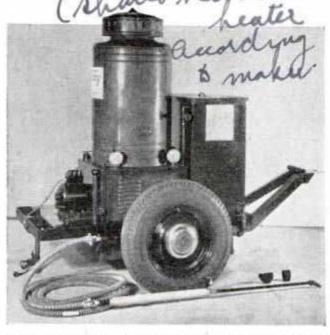
#### POPULAR MECHANIGS

# "WASHING MACHINE" FOR RIVER WILL REMOVE THE SILTER

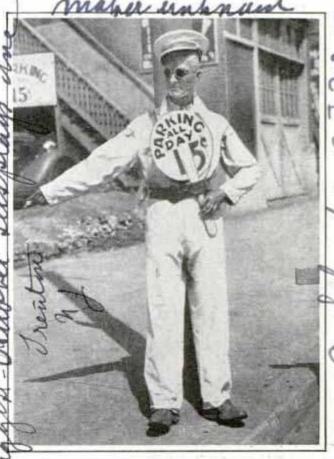
Removing silt from the Colorado river to provide a clear stream for irrigated areas in California, a "washing machine" comprising seventy-two clarifiers, each 125 feet long revolving like turntables, will be built at the Imperial dam near Yuma, Ariz. Batteries of twelve clarifiers placed in six settling basins 769 feet long and 269 feet wide will revolve on their centers at fourteen-minute intervals, scraping the silt into wells. They will "launder" seventy-five per cent of the river's daily flow, an amount equal to one-twentieth the volume of water rushing over Niagara Falls every twenty-four hours. It will take from an hour to an hour and a half for water to pass through the basins.

#### PRESSURE SPRAY FOR CLEANING IS MOUNTED ON TRAILER

Mounted on a two-wheel trailer for quick transportation from one job to the next, a chemical spray designed for cleaning buildings and machinery opens up new avenues to "contract" cleaning business. A steam boiler builds up high-pressure steam which is used to spray cleaning compounds adapted to the job at hand. It can be used to clean walls, painted surfaces, filling station and garage floors, airplanes, industrial plants and greasy engines and parts.



Boiler Mounted on Trailer Develops Steam to Spray Chemicals at High Pressure for Big Cleaning Jobs



Uniformed Like a Regular Attendant, a Lifelike Dummy Welcomes Motorists to Parking Lot

#### DUMMY HIRED MAN ON AUTO LOT SPURS PARKING TRADE

Dressed in smart white uniforms and caps, life-size dummies are being used by the owner of a chain of parking lots to increase his business. Made of rubber composition, the figures bend into practically any position assumed by a man. Placed at the various entrances to beckon cars to the lot, they look so real that patrons sometimes ask them questions.

#### AIR GAUGE BUILT IN AUTO TUBE ALWAYS SHOWS PRESSURE

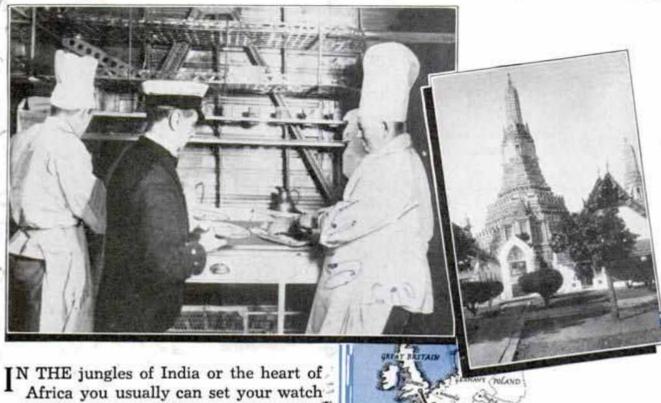
Air pressure gauges that are constantly working are now being built into the inner tubes of automobile tires. To check your air, you need only unscrew the outer tire cap and read the gauge level.

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today by the roar of the Imperial Airways plane flying overhead.

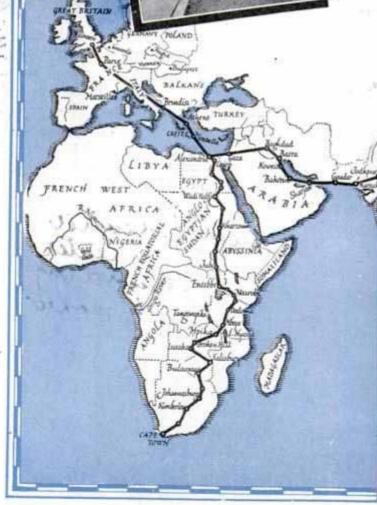
A single operating company, partly financed by the British government, has the job of linking together an empire that compasses the globe and includes more than 350,000,000 people.

Imperial's regular air lines touch three continents, but in the near future these lines will take in several other continents, so that day after day the sun will never set on Great Britain's flying transports.

From Croyden Field, London, a network of 18,000 miles of airways takes the passenger to any one of twenty-three countries. You can fly direct to such outof-the-way places as Kenya, Nairobi, Rhodesia, and Tanganyika, in the heart of Africa; or to such queer spots as Gwadar, Delhi, or Rangoon, in the south of Asia.

With fine courage and determination, the Imperial Airways pilots are flying over some of the most difficult land stretches known. For the most part their routes lie in tropical countries, but the climate is not nearly as comfortable as in many northern countries. Along the hot desert stretches, the wind feels like a blast of hot air thrown off by a furnace.

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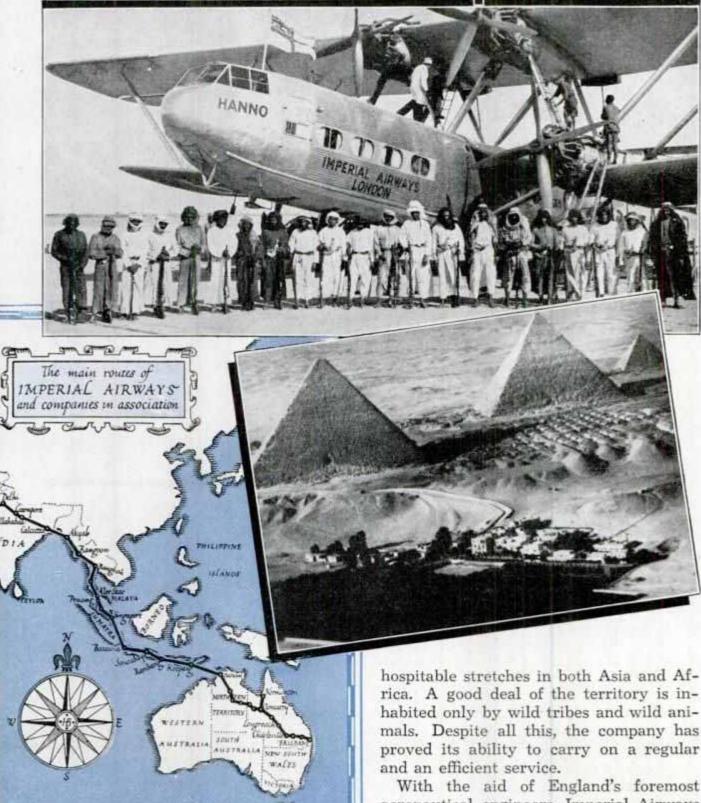


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Top, Left, Preparing Meal in Kitchen in Air Liner "Scylla"; Right, Wat Aroon, Imposing Building at Bangkok; Bottom, Map of Far-Flung Air Line, with Heavy Line Showing Route Extending to Cape Town on the Tip of the African Continent

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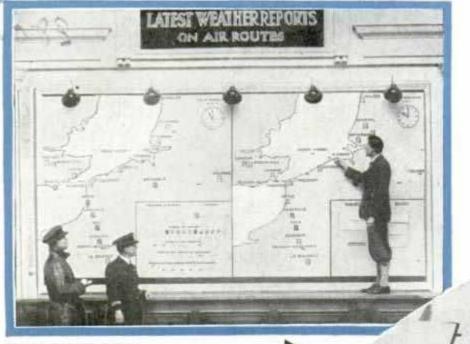
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Top, Arabs on Guard as Giant Plane Unloads at Sharjah (Photo Copyright by Fox Studios, Ltd.); Right, View of Gizeh Pyramids, One of the Sights along the Imperial Airways; Left, Map Showing Route along Which the Big Transports Fly from India to Brisbane, Australia

hospitable stretches in both Asia and Africa. A good deal of the territory is inhabited only by wild tribes and wild animals. Despite all this, the company has proved its ability to carry on a regular

aeronautical engineers, Imperial Airways has designed a fleet of land planes and flying boats which fall into seven classes. Each ship is equipped for a particular service. A plane that flies in Africa, for example, is far different from the one which is used to fly between Croyden and



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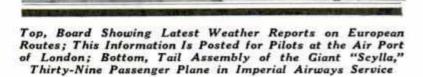
Le Bourget. These ships have such fantastic names as "Hannibal," "Scipio," "Atalanta," "Avalon," "Diana" and "Boadicea."

The largest type now in service on Imperial Airways is the "Scylla," which accommodates thirty-nine passengers and carries a crew of four, the captain, first officer, radio operator and steward. The "Scylla" is a biplane with four air-cooled Jupiter engines, each developing 555 horsepower, enabling the ship to maintain a cruising speed of 130

miles per hour. Fully loaded, the "Scylla" weighs almost fifteen tons.

Ships of the Imperial Airways, as all other European aircraft, maintain slower schedules than corresponding American craft. The economics of high-speed travel are decidedly against the European airplane operator. One difficulty is the delay encountered at the numerous international boundaries. Another reason for slower speed is the increased cost of aircraft which cruise at 200 miles or so per hour. But probably the most important consideration in the high-speed operation of European aircraft is the cost of fuel. Aviation fuel, depending upon local conditions, costs from two to five times as much as it does in the United States. In the heart of Africa and in Asia, aircraft gasoline is a very expensive item.

But the company is not standing still in the matter of speed. They are slowly but surely increasing the speed of their long-distance schedules by refining the design of their planes and engines. The present speed schedules along American airways would prove uneconomical under the conditions which prevail in Africa, Asia,

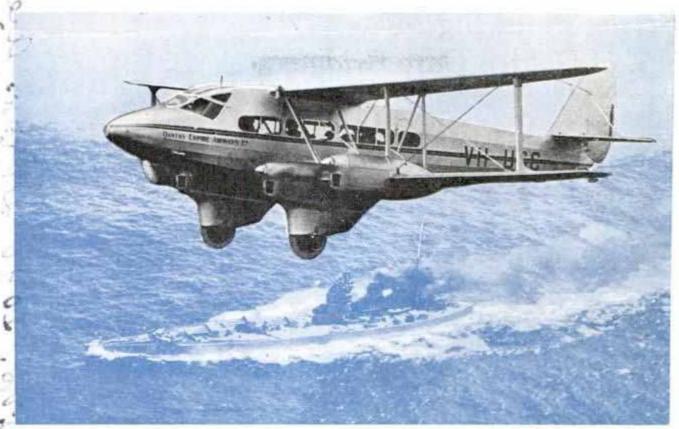


and Europe. Imperial's four-engined ships of the "Atalanta" class weigh almost nine tons fully loaded and have a speed of 155 miles per hour. However, three of the seven classes of ships operated by the company have a speed of 175 miles per hour, which stands up fairly well beside the speed of American commercial craft.

Expansion plans are quite ambitious. The company is laying a strong founda-

tion for a globe-girdling airway, 20,000 miles long, which will probably be operated in conjunction with Pan American's Pacific line. The result of this union will be an Anglo-American air line passing





Courtesy Imperial Airways

through countries where scores of foreign languages are heard. In other words, you will be able to travel around the world with English alone. If you travel around the world by train and boat, the situation becomes quite complicated—a different language is spoken at almost every boundary.

Airways has under way a new class of aircraft of a much larger size than the giant "Heracles" and "Hannibal" types which have a wing span of 130 feet and weigh thirteen tons loaded. The British govern-

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# Scouts Build Big Model of Golden Gate Bridge



Boy Scouts Weaving Ropes in Lieu of Suspension Cables for Replica of California's Golden Gate Bridge

California boy scouts have built an exact model of the Golden Gate bridge on a scale of one foot to 100. Ropes replace the steel suspension cables in the replica, whose center span is strong enough to bear the weight of several boys.

#### OIL CARD REMINDER ON DASH

When to change oil or have the car



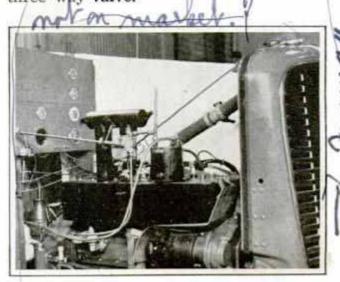
greased is a mathematical certainty with motorists who use a cardrecord system. The card fits in a small metal shelf clamped underneath the dash within easy reach

of the driver's hand. On it the attendant records the mileage whenever the oil is changed of the car greased and writes down the mileage at which service will be required again. A glance at the card tells when the car should be serviced.

#### GAS ENGINE RUNS ON ONE BY USING ADAPTER

Conversion of a gasoline motor into an oil-burning engine by a mere turn of a dashboard switch is the feat accomplished by an adapter now undergoing tests. Trucks equipped with this adapter and carrying 10,000 and 20,000pound pay loads were able to travel at an average cost of 2.4 cents a mile. After warming up the motor, the driver turns a switch which shuts off gasoline and cuts in the oil flow, both fuels being handled by the same carburetor. The adapter consists of a controlled heat interchanger between the engine coolant, exhaust heat, liquid fuel and carburetor air supply. The fuel oil is warmed in copper tubes which absorb heat from the water cooling system. The motor must be started on gasoline for about two minutes, and when the water

reaches 140 degrees Fahrenheit the change-over can be made by means of three-way valve.



After Starting on Gasoline This Motor Can Run with Fuel Oil by Turning Switch on Dashboard

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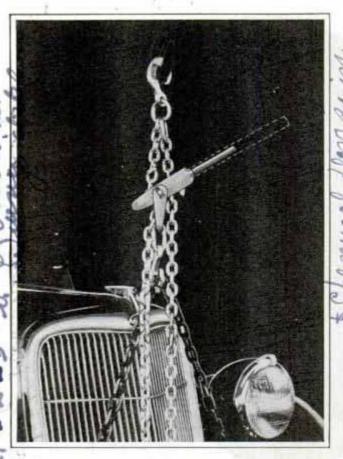
# Dog "Laundry" Is a Money-Making Venture



with apparatus comparable to that of a beauty parlor, and deliver them clean, dry and "de-flead." First they submit the dog to a veterinarian for thorough examination, and if there is any symptom of skin infection or internal ailment the owner is notified and the dog returned or left with the veterinarian for treatment. This is a valuable service to dog owners and protects the "laundry" against lawsuits should the owner discover the disease in his pet later. Besides, the veterinarian pays the dog laundry a commission on all cases received through this channel. If the dog

passes the physical examination he is dipped in a creosote and water solution to exterminate fleas and ticks then bathed and scrubbed with special dog soaps, and finally dried with special dog soaps, and finally dried with special dog soaps, and finally dried with special dog soaps, and so clipping dogs, bearding them during vacations, selling dog foods and medicines, harness and other accessories.

#### ELEVEN-POUND CHAIN HOIST WILL RAISE A TON

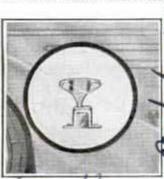


With Leverage Provided by Pumping Handle This Lightweight Hoist Lifts Automobile Four Feet

Weighing only eleven pounds packed for shipment, a small but sturdy chain hoist has been designed for general use in garage, factory, farm, shop, shipping room and in building construction. It has a lift of four feet but can be fitted with chain to provide a lift of any distance, and a teninch piece of iron pipe can be used as a lever. It has a proof test of 2,250 pounds.

#### HOOD LOCK FOR CAR PREVENTS THEFT OF HEATER AND RADIO

Car radios and heaters as well as motor parts are protected from thieves by an automatic hood lock which prevents raising



the hood until a hidden switch in side the car is pressed. Most heaters and radios are so mounted that the hood must be raised by the thief to remove them.

#### "Dry Ice" Runs Motor

PRY Ice, commonly used as a refrigerant, has been employed successfully in Germany to operate noiseless motors. Such motors are said to run by the pressure created by carbon dioxide gas given off when the Dry Ice melts and to be of simple construction, high efficiency and light weight. Other industrial utilizations for Dry Ice include its employment in India for cooling passenger airplanes and in the United States as a center for golf balls.

#### ROAD MAPS EASILY MEASURED WITH SPINDLES AND THREAD

Motorists can quickly and accurately measure the exact distance between points on a road map by means of specially equipped spindles that take into account curves, bends and angles that a ruler could not gauge. One spindle contains a small spool from which thread unwinds through an eye. The other is used to draw the thread out. The end of the thread is held in place at the starting point and the

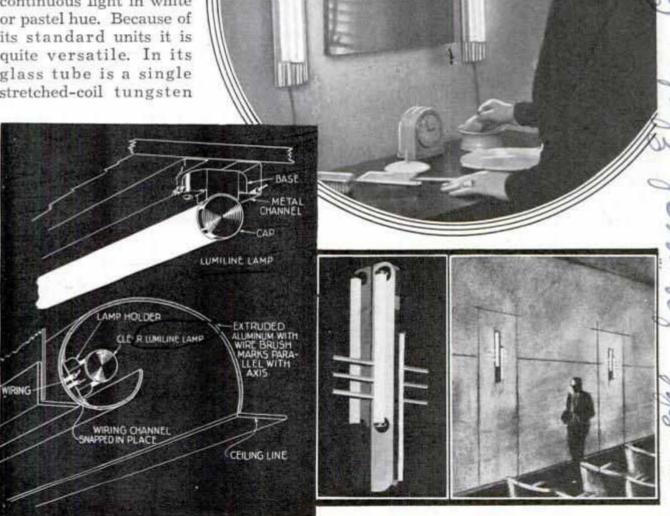


Measuring Map Distances with Spindles, One at Starting Point, the Other at Destination

that the hood must be raised by the is represented by the length of thread thief to remove drawn from the spool. Measured on the them.

Filament Tube Lamps Used for Decoration

Slim and trim are the decorative lines of light produced by the newly developed electric filament lamp attaining popularity in the modern home and office. Made in units twelve and eighteen inches long, it is readily adapted to ornamental illumination, to geometrical figures in harmony with modern architecture, and to long lines of continuous light in white or pastel hue. Because of its standard units it is quite versatile. In its glass tube is a single stretched-coil tungsten



Left, Diagram of Tube Lamp Installation for Direct and Indirect Lighting; Upper Right, Ornamental Units Used as Mirror Lights in Boudoir; Lower Right, Theater Lighting, with Closeup of Lamp

filament, spanning in a continuous line from one end-cap to the other. The endcap "snaps" on, and serves as a support for the tube; each end-cap fitting into a base to which the wires of the electrical circuit are attached. The cap is but a quarter inch thick, and when several units are installed end to end the caps are too

thin to interrupt the apparent continuity of the luminous line. Any lamp can be renewed simply by removing lamp and cap from the base. Theater lobby lighting, side lamps for shaving mirror or boudoir table, art gallery illumination, outline lights for escalators-these are some uses found for the pleasing new lines of light.

The "Queen Mary," England's Challenger for the Atlantic Speed Record, as She Would Appear if Placed Across Trafalgar Square in London

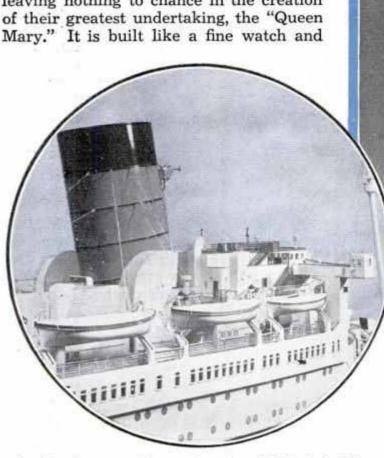
# RACE

THESE are tense days at John Brown's shipyard on Clydebank as an army of British workmen apply the finishing touches to the "Queen Mary," the ocean greyhound which England hopes will recapture the Atlantic speed record now held by the French liner, "Normandie."

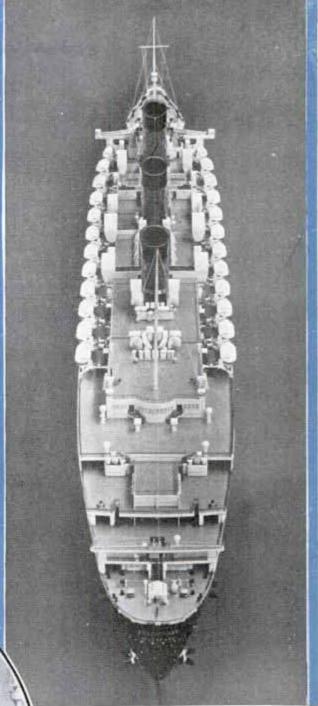
This shippard has a grand tradition to uphold. In 1907, on this very spot, John Brown launched the gallant "Lusitania," followed a few months later by the "Mauretania," an engineering masterpiece from the day of her launching to the time of

her scrapping.

When the "Queen Mary" goes into service, about next June, the famous emblem called the "Blue Riband" will be near its one-hundredth birthday. The Cunard Line and Clydebank have enjoyed Blue Riband honors for about fifty years of that time, a matchless record in maritime history. The British have always taken a huge pride in their ability as shipbuilders, and they are leaving nothing to chance in the creation of their greatest undertaking, the "Queen Mary." It is built like a fine watch and



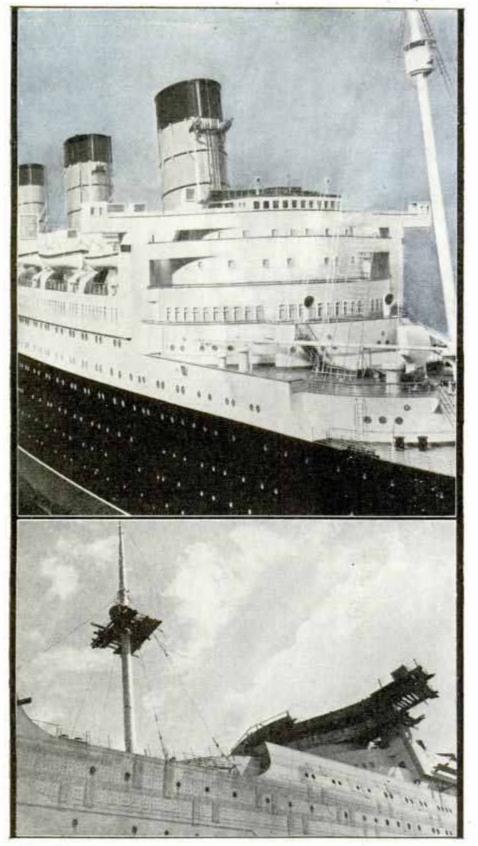
Looking Down on a Twenty-One Foot Model of the "Queen Mary," and Close-Up of Section of the Model



every ounce of material entering into the construction is of sterling quality.

They build engines, these British. The "Mauretania" might have run another fifty years on the old steel and brass pounders that gave her the stamina for speed. The "Queen Mary" is harnessed to a system of Parsons single reduction geared turbines which are supplied with steam from high-pressure water-tube boilers.

The "Queen Mary" is eleven



Top, This Close-Up of a Model of the "Queen Mary" Gives an Idea of How Finished Liner Will Appear; Below, Part of the Superstructure

feet shorter than the French liner but the Parsons turbines are expected to develop from 25,000 to 40,000 more horsepower than the "Normandie's" turbo-electric engines, rated at 160,000 horsepower. The Cunarder's four propellers are the largest

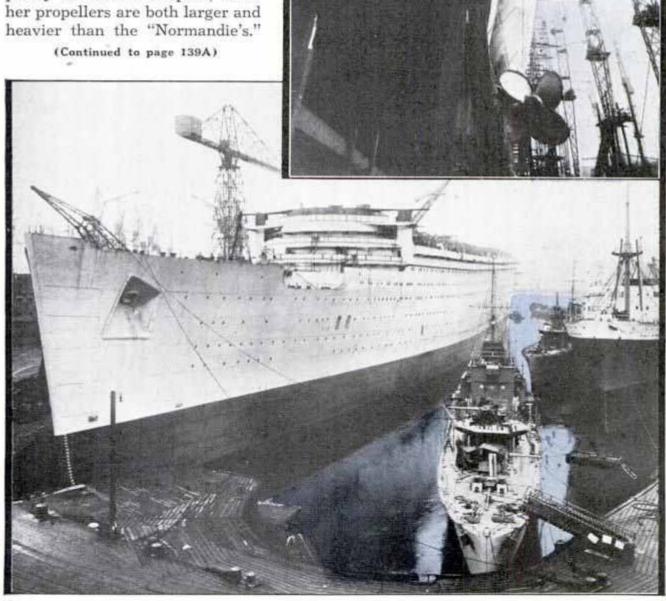
ever cast and fitted to a vessel. Each cast of manganese bronze weighed fifty tons in the rough, and the finished propellers weigh thirty-five tons each.

The "Normandie's semi-bulbous bow, whaleback deck, and stepdown stern give the ship a new and original contour. The outboard design of the "Queen Mary" follows the tradition of the "Mauretania" and other Cunarders. The most striking difference between the two giants lies in the design of their funnels. The "Normandie's" are low and stubby; the Cunarder's are set very high.

The "Queen Mary's" main machinery spaces are so huge that many so-called ocean greyhounds could fit comfortably inside them. Each of 257,000 blades for the turbines has been tested and fitted by hand and the gear centers have been carefully fitted to a limit of one and onehalf thousandths of an inch. Steam will be supplied through a battery of twenty-seven boilers filling five rooms. These boilers contain 160,000 separate tubes. Four sets of turbines will drive the four propellers. The design of the hull has been planned to permit the propellers to "bite" at the huge quantities of water necessary to drive the

ship forward. Clydebank engineers are aware that before the "Queen Mary" enters active service, the "Normandie" may have established a record speed of 32.5 knots. The Cunarder has been built to meet that. The "Queen Mary's" engines are expected to drive the ship at a 32-knot clip "without pushing." When a giant ship is pushed, she may add two or even three knots to her normal high speed. Thus, the "Mauretania," rated by many as a 27.5-knot vessel, actually outstepped herself just before going out of service when, on a West Indies cruise, the "old lady of the sea" plunged through the water for nearly four hours at thirty-two knots.

The contest between the "Queen Mary" and the "Normandie" will be the greatest sporting event in maritime history. If power means anything, the Cunarder will have plenty to use and to spare, while her propellers are both larger and heavier than the "Normandie's."



A Striking View of the "Queen Mary" at Rest in Her Fitting-Out Basin at Clydebank; One of the Four Giant Propellers of Manganese Bronze, Each Weighing Thirty-Five Tons; These Propellers Are the Largest Ever Cast and Fitted to a Vessel; Each Tipped the Scales at Fifty Tons in the Rough

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Emptying Garbage into Latest Type Truck; This White-Painted Vehicle Replaces the Unsightly Garbage Wagon or Truck of Yesterday

#### ODOR-PROOF GARBAGE TRUCK TILTS FOR EMPTYING

Fitted with a water and odor-proof body, the latest truck for collecting garbage has eye-appeal in its white-painted surface and streamlines. In operation, refuse matter is deposited in a traveling bucket. A hoist raises the bucket to the top of the body where a cover that opens automatically permits dumping the contents. The mechanism closes the cover. When the load is to be discharged, the body is tilted by a hydraulic hoist.

#### CHAIN HOOK LIKE SAFETY PIN LOCKS IN POSITION

Capable of supporting heavy loads without slipping, a hook which opens and closes like a safety pin can be used for connecting chains for towing, dragging or

hoisting on land or water. When open it looks like two huge "G's" facing each other, their tops fastened together on a swivel. It is easily attached to chains or wire rope and

when closed forms a link which cannot be detached accidentally. Because of its safety it is effective for industrial, agricultural and shipping uses, for building operations, fishing, trapping, trucking, lumbering and mining. It is made in three sizes with a load capacity of two and a half, eight and twenty tons. Special cargo hooks and detachable chain links are also made in the same design.

#### LIGHT MACHINE GUN USED BY BRITISH TOMMIES

With a barrel that fans out at the end like a blunderbuss, the latest machine gun, known as the "Bren," has been

adopted for use in the British army. Developed in Czecho-Slovakia after four years of experiment, it is of light weight and can be manufactured at low cost. It



Lightweight Machine Gun Adopted by British Army Has Barrel That Fans Out Like a Blunderbuss

is normally fired from a bipod that folds up when not in use, but it can also be discharged from a tripod or the shoulder.

PRINTING PLATES OF RUBBER SUBSTITUTED FOR METAL

Holding the possibility of changing traditional methods, printing plates of rubber have been developed by the B. F. Goodrich company. The new plates, compared to the metal ones in universal use, have several advantages, including quicker drying of ink and adaptability to printing on fragile or brittle materials. As yet, half-tones, except very coarse screen, cannot be printed successfully in long press

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runs with the plates. One book already has been printed from the rubber plates and further development may bring the process to the point where books may be printed on speedy rotary presses such as large newspapers use. Books usually are run on flat-bed presses.

#### THREADED TIP ON BILLIARD CUE EASY TO REPLACE

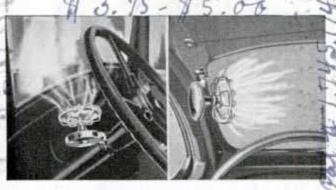


By the use of the latest type billiard cue, usual delay and expense in replacing wornout tips are eliminated. The tip, made of a fibrous substance, is threaded to fit a screw on the end of the cue. When the tip wears out it is unscrewed

from the cue and replaced by a new one in a few seconds.

#### AUTO FAN OPERATED BY VACUUM FREES WINDSHIELD OF VAPOR

Operated by a vacuum from a manifold connection which makes available waste power from the engine, a small automobile fan that can be attached to the steering post or the top of the windshield has a dual purpose. It removes frost and vapor from the windshield in cold weather and cools and ventilates the car in summer. Used with a heater it will eliminate sleet in winter. The air current may be aimed at the windshield or toward the driver and passengers. The propeller speeds 4,500 revolutions per minute. A switch in the base controls the fan's operation.



Run by a Vacuum, Auto Fan May Be Attached to Steering Wheel or Windshield

### ODDS AND ENDS SUPPLY PARTS FOR SMALL MOTORCYCLE



Miniature Motorcycle Run by Reconstructed Air-Compressor Motor Does Twenty Miles an Hour

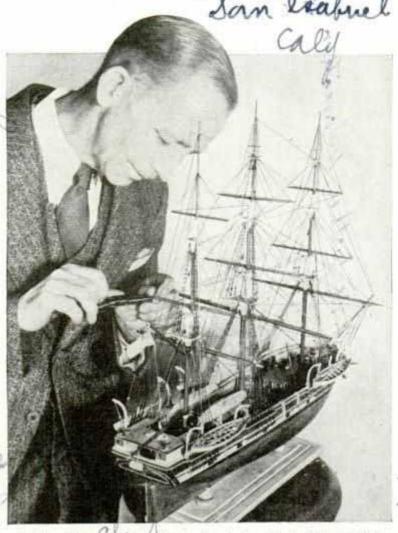
Powered with a reconstructed air-compressor motor, a miniature motorcycle built by a Californian develops power sufficient to carry its rider more than twenty miles an hour. It travels 150 miles on a gallon of fuel, according to its builder. This one-cylinder "bike" has a regulation saddle with springs, rubber grip handle-bars and a tubular frame. The tires and wheels are from an airplane. The fuel tank is strapped to the horizontal top bar and four dry batteries are used to furnish current for the ignition system.

#### PISTOL-SHAPED POWER DRILL DOES HEAVY WORK

Handy for carpentering, sheetmetal, electrical
and plumbing
work, a midget
electric drill
shaped like a pistol and operated



with one hand cuts through steel a quarter of an inch thick in five seconds. It is six and three-quarters inches long, weighs two and a half pounds and has the same power as tools twice its size. It is controlled by a button. A ventilating system cools the motor.



Putting Finishing Touches on Last of a Fleet of Model Ships That Took Seven Years to Carve

#### SEVEN YEARS SPENT IN CARVING FLEET OF MODEL SHIPS

Seventeen different kinds of wood were vessels completed by a California man after seven years' work. The tiny ships, complete in every detail to davits, ships boats, masts, ropes and rigging, are reproductions of craft built between 1700 and 1870. The fleet includes: a British threedeck frigate, two old-time whalers, a packet ship, a four-masted bark, a Gloucester fishing schooner and a ten-gun brig.

#### SEVENTY-FIVE-FOOT SCREWS BORE DOWN TO BEDROCK

Steel caissons which make their own excavations by boring through soil, gravel, sand and bowlders to bedrock have been successfully used in constructing foundations for the new\_federal building in New York City. Seventy-five feet long and six to eight feet in diameter, these

hollow cylinders have saw teeth at the bottom, re-enforced with tungsten carbide. They are driven by motors like diamond-core drills. The excavated material is forced to the surface with water used to lubricate the cutting edge. Once settled, they are cleaned out, sealed against water and filled with concrete, forming piers for the supporting columns. They can be sunk in six to eight hours. according to engineers.

#### TOOLS OF SPECIAL SHAPE SAVE WORK IN GARDEN

Welding has made possible revolutionary changes in the design of garden tools, adding to the traditional line of hoes, rakes and cultivators new styles adapted to special tasks. Back-breaking toil is saved by long-handled hoes worked by a pulling instead of chopping motion. One hoe is a steel band bent square, the working face drawn to a point. Another traction hoe has a triangular blade. There is a pulverizing tool consisting of a square steel band,

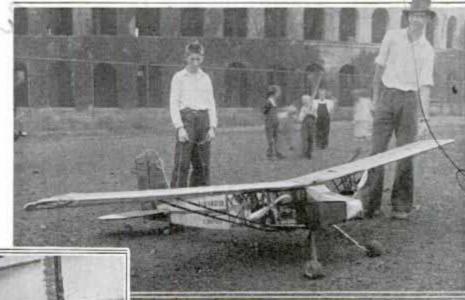
to which from one to four stationary blades are welded, the band itself having a motion that affords both forward and back? swing. One hoe with arched blade stradused to earve a fleet of scale model sailing dles the seedling and cuts weeds on both sides. Hand cultivators have single or multiple prongs, with socket or ferrule for fastening to the handle and a wing nut for tightening prongs. Welding eliminates many parts.

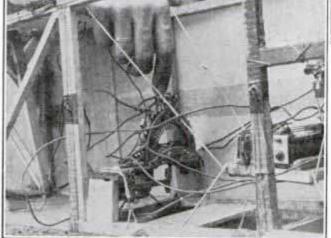


These Are Some of the Specialized Hoes in Use Today, with Blades Designed for Particular Duties

## Radio Controls Twin-Motored Model Plane

Pilotless airplane flights are no longer a novelty, but at Cambridge, Mass., a model monoplane has been built which flies under control of a short-wave radio set on the ground. The little ship is powered by two single-cylinder gasoline motors of one-fifth horsepower each. It has a twelve-foot wing spread, over-all





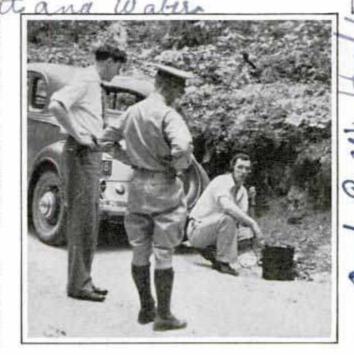
Top, Radio-Controlled Plane; Bottom, Selector Directs Impulses to Solenoids Which Operate Controls

length of seven feet and weighs twentytwo pounds. Control impulses sent by a
telephone dial through a short-wave
transmitter are picked up by the receiver
in the baby plane, and relayed to a telephone dial selector which connects various solenoid magnets operating the controls of the plane. Eighteen flashlight
batteries and two midget "B" batteries are
required for the radio, solenoids and ignition. The tires are rubber balls drawn together at the "waist."

Two-Way Radio Fire Alarm Leads Foresters to Blaze

Portable short-wave receiving and transmitting sets help forest rangers in Pennsylvania detect and locate forest fires. A lookout in his watch tower atop a mountain discovers a thin column of smoke rising from a distant valley. He reports the blaze by radio, and foresters patroling a road several miles away are directed to the scene. The two-way sets are compact, battery-operated outfits with aerials consisting of two wires merging into one which can be slung over a tree branch or collapsible pole.

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Highway Patrol Is Guided to Forest Fire by Short-Wave Radio Report from Distant Observation Tower

"SPEAKING SPECTATOR DRAWS HREE CARDS CARDS TWO CARDS GLUED TOGETHER GETHER CARDS JOINED WITH ELASTIC Above, Steps in the "Jumping Card" Trick; Drawings Show How Deck Is Prepared for Performance of the Mystifying Stunt By RICHARD CARDINI Famous Magician THREAD COMES TRICKS with cards are UP BETWEEN a constant source of TWO CENTER delight to persons of all FINGERS ages. Some require a great deal of skill, while others equally perplexing to an Circle and Drawaudience demand very litings of Simple tle. These are best for the Trick Performed Threading amateur magician because Part of Deck

people are quicker to discover the secrets of card tricks than other forms of

the black art. One simple stunt is to invite a person to select a card, insert it into the deck, and then, without the performer touching the cards, the top portion of the deck will slide back, reveal the card selected, and then return to its original place.

To do this, the performer must prepare a deck that will be used exclusively for this stunt. Punch a hole through the center of a card and affix it to an invisible thread. Next, punch small holes in almost half the cards in the bottom of the deck, and thread them with the card already fastened.

This thread should be brought through the second and third finger of the right

# CARD TRICKS"..

hand, extending up the backside of the sleeve to the armpit, where it is affixed with a small black

safety pin. In offering the deck, "force" the subject to take a card in the top part. In returning the selected card to the deck, place it in the bottom portion, allowing as much slack in the thread as necessary. When the performer moves his arm forward, the deck will part revealing the card selected. Most performers prefer a thread a few inches shorter than sleeve length, so the cards will move easily without forcing the performer to reach conspicuously. This trick can be worked for two people simultaneously. When doing this, put the first card in the lower part of the bottom half and it will be the first one revealed.

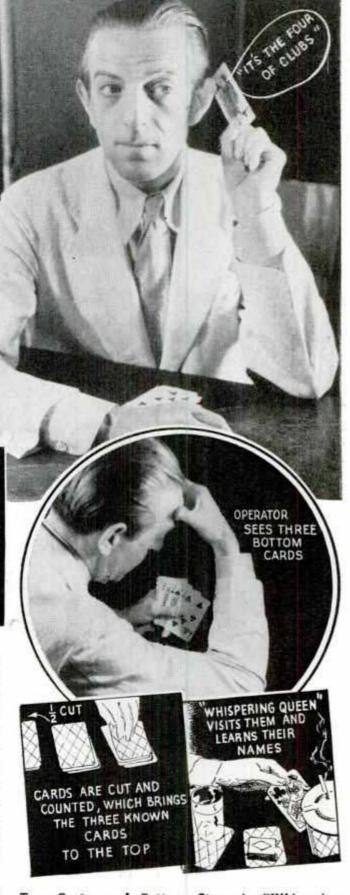
"The Whispering Queen" defies





solution when worked effectively. A deck is divided into two packs. Some person is asked to count the cards in one pack, and when accomplished three cards are dealt from that pile face down. These three cards are placed under books, carpets, or elsewhere. The gossipy queen—any queen can be used—is taken from the deck and sent on a visit to each of the cards. She returns after each visit and the performer, holding the card to his ear, exclaims: "The queen tells me the card under the book is such-and-such."

The execution is important in this stunt. The secret lies in the entertainer seeing



Top, Center and Bottom, Steps in "Whispering Queen" Trick; Much Practice Improves the Stunt



Top, Deck Split into Three Parts as First Step in Picking a Selected Card; Drawings Show Three Steps in Making a "False Shuffle"

CONTINUE SHUFFLE

and memorizing the character and position of the three bottom cards.

Before launching the trick it is a good idea for the person working it to pretend he is racking his brain for another stunt. Meanwhile he runs his hand over his forehead, bearing in mind the position of the three bottom cards.

In dividing the cards into two stacks, place the bottom portion on your right. When one stack is counted the position of the three bottom cards will be reversed. The performer must remember which card is where, and supply a sparkling brand of patter for the conversation with the queen.

Another trick that never loses charm is the "jumping cards."

A deck is taken from its case, shown to the audience, and reinserted in the box. In order to show his good faith the magician again removes the deck from the box and shows it to be normal. Shuf-

fling the cards, he offers them to three spectators in such a way that he cannot see them. Putting them back, the performer asks the three persons to concentrate on the cards they have selected. While they are doing this, the first of the three cards rises from the deck. The feat is repeated for the second card. For the third card, however, the performer commands it to jump completely out of the box in any direction suggested.

This stunt requires a "fake" made with four cards, a small rubber band, some glue and a punch. A hole is punctured in the center of a card about an inch from the top and backed with another card. The same is done with two other cards and the rubber band suspended between them.

When the cards first are taken out of the case the fake is left behind. After inspection the cards are returned and then under the pretense that there's nothing wrong with the case, the cards may again be taken out, this time removing the fake also. The cards are shuffled so the fake is brought to the center of the deck with the rubber arrangement at the top. Stepping back, the magician places the three cards between the device, thus pressing the rubber downward.

In order to hold the cards in the deck, the (Continued to page 118A)

# Dodging Lightning in the Nose of an Airliner



Remarkable Photo of Night Flight, with Camera Directed through Pilots' Compartment, Shows Several Distinct Flashes of Lightning; on This Course, the Plane Is Heading into the Storm

Piloting an airliner at night is routine for the most part, so carefully do the transport companies safeguard passengers and mail with the latest weather reports and scientific instruments, but occasionally a severe electrical storm breaks the monotony. On a recent flight in a twinengine Lockheed Electra, pilot and copilot were treated to a rare display of lightning playing from cloud to earth. Dazzling flashes lit up the cockpit as the bolts hurtled downward just ahead of the plane and thunder rolled in awe-inspiring manner. Yet, the ship came through the storm without mishap, for even in then thickest weather the luminous dials and indicators, together with radio, tell the pilot his exact location.

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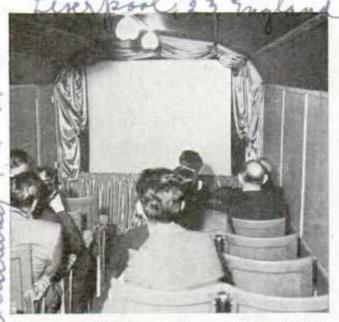
# Water Softener for Home

Easily moved from one room to another, a portable water softener for the home is simple to operate and occupies only a small space. Water flows from the faucet through a rubber tube into a copper tank

with a pressure valve on top. It flows out of a tap, making a free lather for laundering, bathing or dish-washing that cuts down the use of soap. Shower attachments are available. Lime, magnesia, iron and other minerals are removed.

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#### MOVIE THEATER ON RAILS GIVES DAILY SHOW FOR TRAVELERS



Interior of Talkie Theater on Train; Sloping Floor Assures Full Vision

Talking pictures are exhibited daily on a crack English express train to entertain passengers speeding ninety miles an hour between London and Leeds. The movie theater is a specially equipped coach with a screen, sound-film apparatus and a double row of seats on each side of the aisle. The floor slopes down toward the front as in a regular theater. A uniformed attendant passes through the train announcing the schedule of performances. The admission charge is a shilling and the show usually lasts an hour. On Sundays, the theater car is used on excursion trains.

#### BRAKE GIVES GREATER SAFETY AND HAS FEWER PARTS

Greater safety at high speeds and with heavy loads is claimed for the Linderman direct-acting brake that has only half as many parts as the conventional type. Op-

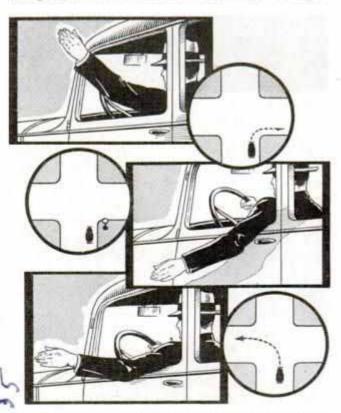


erated by either hydraulic or air pressure, the system eliminates the use of pistons, mechanical linkage and servo or self-alining shoes. It is designed for any type of automotive vehicle. The heart of the

brake is a unit made of two steel sheets, folded over and back, with a composition filler between each fold. Expansion of this diaphragm by means of hydraulic or air pressure set up by the brake pedal causes maximum expansion of the brake shoe. Each brake contains one of the units, the shoe and the standard drum completing the assembly. The hydraulic type makes use of a relatively large volume of liquid for transmitting pressure from pedal to wheel, resulting in lower line pressure. Softer pedal action and increased insurance against leakage are claimed. Uniform pressure distribution over the lining and drum gives a greater brake capacity than that of the conventional system.

#### "TALKING ARM" SIGN LANGUAGE STANDARDIZED FOR DRIVERS

As soon as the first two automobiles met on a dusty road, motorists began trying to find ways of telling the other fellow they meant to slow down, halt, or turn off the road. Wigwag arm signals—an adaptation of the railroad semaphore sys-



Proper Signal and Position of Car for Right Turn (Top), Stop (Middle), and Left Turn (Bottom)

It is designed for any type of autobetween drivers. But, growing informalmotive vehicle. ly, this language never was standardized. The heart of the Now, with the traffic stream thickening

motor news. If

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By Diesel Tractor Wades River and safety becoming more important than -speed, various states are to Break Up Logging Jams putting the "talking arm" into highway codes enforced by law, giving the signals a standard interpretation and requiring motorists to learn and use them. In Illinois, for

## right; pointed obliquely downward, slowing down or stopping; extended straight out, turning left. 00 SIEVE ON WHEELS CLEANS DEBRIS FROM BEACH

Removing broken glass, nails, pins, stones and other debris from the sand, a motor-powered bathing beach cleaner which can cover 50,000 square feet an hour is a

example, the left arm raised obliquely means the driver is turning

boon to bathers. It is drawn by a tractor and is hydraulically controlled. Only one man is required for its operation and it can be moved easily from one beach to another. Sand to a depth of four inches is drawn into a revolving circular hopper screen where it is sifted and cleaned and then sprinkled down again in a smooth, loose layer, the debris being retained in the hopper. The cleaner's "bite" can be hydraulically adjusted.



"Beach-Combing" Tractor Picks Up Four-Inch Top Layer of Sand and Sifts Out Picnickers' Rubbish, Cleaning Wide Area, Speedily

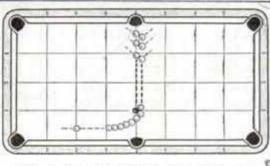


Stranded Log Is Shoved into Current and Started on Way to Lumber Mill by Tractor That Wades, Stream as Easily as It Crawls on Land

When spring freshets fail and the winter's crop of logs piles up in the middle of a stream, try a tractor. A lumber mill in Washington state found itself without logs because the expected floods never arrived, but a Diesel-powered tractor proved itself an "amphibian," wading into the shallow river and breaking up log jams. The entire cut of timber had been left high and dry for miles along the banks. Instead of the laborious and expensive method of at-

tacking the job with a donkey engine and high lines, the lumbermen put the tractor to work, shoving logs to the center of the narrow stream and maneuvering the key log into the current whenever a jam developed. Swift water and a loose gravel bed did not hamper the tractor, which followed the logs downstream and kept them off banks and shallows until they reached the mill.

Start and Middle of the "Elevated Shot" with Diagram Showing Path Traveled by Balls and the Position of the Cues on the Table



Object Is to Hit Ball Indicated by Arrow into Side Pocket; Diagram Shows How

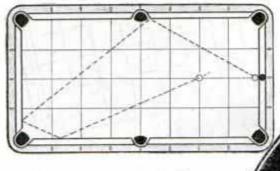
## By CHARLES C. PETERSON

(National Fancy Shot Champion)

FANCY shots are to billiards what jazz is to music. Abetted by a rudimentary knowledge of the game, the average player can master a wide variety of such shots in a short time.

But before trying any fancy shots, you first must realize the importance of the correct follow through. It's the life blood of this branch of the game. Void of shoulder action, the billiard shot is made below the elbow with a free, easy wrist action and, of course, plenty of follow through. In a follow-through stroke, your cue should not be pulled or checked until after full contact with the cue ball. It should follow right through the ball.

# BILLIARD SHOTS

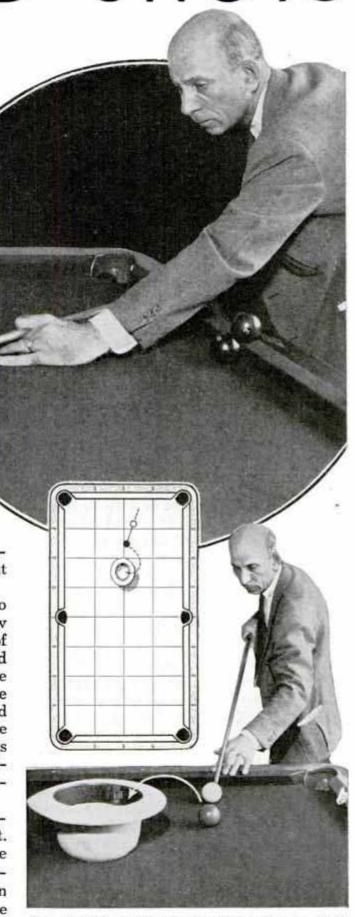


After the start of the stroke it is the momentum, or weight of your cue, which does the work. After contact with the ball, and after your cue has followed through, you will then naturally tighten up on your grip. It is then that your hand is in front of the line of your elbow which causes the top side of your cue to touch the palm of your hand, which naturally will cause you to tighten your grip on the butt of the cue. You will know if you are delivering the stroke without the dam-

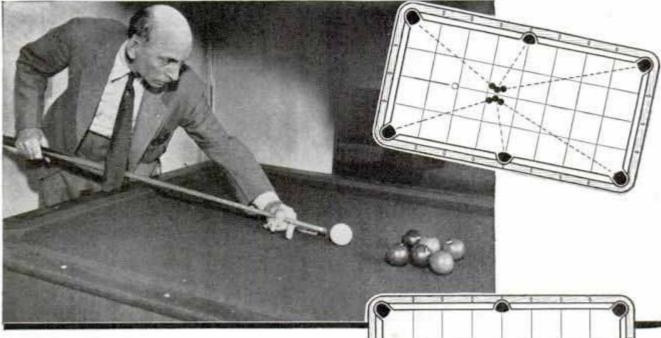
aging tight grip if your cue tip has followed through, or gone beyond the point of contact with the cue ball.

For a starter, try knocking a ball into a hat. It can be accomplished after a few minutes of practice. At the lower end of the table place an ordinary felt hat and six inches from it set the object ball. The position of the cue ball is about forty-five degrees to the left of the object ball and approximately ten inches away. With the cue elevated slightly, the white ball is struck a little above center with no English, whereupon the object ball will proceed to hop into the hat.

Putting a dime into a small glass tumbler is another simple but effective stunt. The tumbler is placed on the ledge of the table near the center and the coin onethird inch from the edge of the cushion in front of it. By shooting directly at the dime with the cue ball from the head of the table with a straight, even shot the



Top, Beginning of "Drop Shot" and Diagram of It; Below, Mr. Peterson Performing the Hat Shot and Diagram Showing Position of Balls and Hat

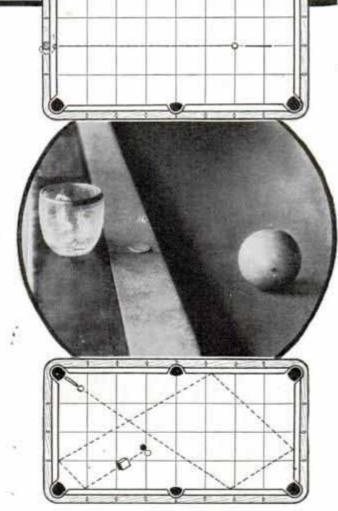


dime will hop into the cup by virtue of the force with which the cue ball bounds against the cushion. Because the speed of table cushions varies, the player may encounter some difficulty at first in getting just the right amount of force in his shot to make the dime hop into the cup. There is a tendency on the part of most beginners to shoot too hard, thus batting the coin off the table.

The "drop shot" is another trick that belongs in the repertoire of the fancy-shot player. Here, one ball is placed on top of another at the head of the table, and the cue ball, after contacting three cushions, eases its way up to the pair, gently knocking away the first object ball—the one resting on the table—and stopping in its place long enough for the top object or carom ball to drop on it for the count.

The cue and object balls are spotted according to the accompanying diagram and the player, holding his cue level, should strike the ball one-half to the right of center with sufficient speed to enable it to touch three cushions before knocking away the first object ball.

Note the way the balls are lined up on the table in the illustration at the top of the first page. Is it possible to put the object ball marked by the arrow in the side pocket? It's not only possible—it's very easy. All the shotsmith need do is strike the cue ball directly in the center with a firm, even shot, hitting the first ball in the curved line in the manner indicated in the diagram.



Top, Beginning Six-Ball Shot and Diagram; Center, Tumbler and Coin Trick; Bottom, Diagram of the Paper-Bag Shot

A spectacular shot that electrifies a crowd is the six-ball shot in which the performer puts one in each pocket in a single stroke. The secret of this turn lies in lining the balls up correctly beforehand.

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# Fighting Planes Play War in Smoke Clouds



Plane in Foreground Is Shown Laying Down a Heavy Smoke Screen While Squadrons of Fighting Ships Prepare for the "Attack"; the Smoke Hides the Planes from the Eyes of "Enemy" Observers

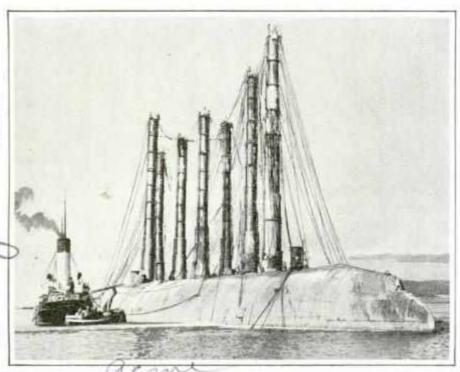
Moving in exact formation behind smoke screens created to hide maneuvers from the eyes of the "enemy," fighting ships of the fleet marine force play "war" at their base at Quantico, Va. With the smoke screen established to baffle observers, the planes soar, dip and bank as the squadrons strive to approach an objective, possibly an enemy air fleet or a ground force. Then, suddenly these fighters break through the smoke clouds at a dip of their squadron leader's wing tips to launch a surprise "attack." Flying in close formation is perhaps the service pilot's most severe test, since it involves iron nerves and split-second handling of each ship.

Heat of the electric arc is calculated at 12,000 degrees Fahrenheit, highest developed by man.

# Air Curtain Forms Door

A IR currents take the place of the door between the kitchen and diner on the Burlington's latest streamline "Zephyr," thus eliminating cooking odors, protecting passengers from heat and giving waiters quick access to their orders. Air is pumped through slits on opposite sides of the door frame and deflected toward the kitchen, forming an invisible curtain through which fumes cannot pass. An overhead exhaust ventilator sucks up fumes checked by the air curtain, blowing them out. The diner is air conditioned.

# Scuttled Warship Is Refloated by Hundred-Foot Air Locks



Former German Battleship "Koenig Albert" Raised from Bottom of Scapa
Flow by Scotch Salvage Crew

After sixteen years in "Davy Jones's ocker," the wartime German battleship Koenig Albert" has been raised from the cean bottom by means of air locks 100 feet long. The warship was a unit in the interned fleet scuttled by its German crew June 21, 1919, in Scapa Flow, which had been the chief naval base of the British grand fleet during the world war. Scottish salvagers refloated the vessel.

# SHORT-CIRCUIT DANGER ENDED BY LOW-PRICED CUT-OUT

Fire hazards and time loss due to short circuits and over-loaded wires can be

FREE PUSH BUTTON
RELEASE HAND
RELEASE ANCHOR

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HEAT MAGNET
PACKET CONTACT

SCREW SHELL

SCREW SHELL

eliminated by installing an inexpensive automatic
cut-out now manufactured in a
convenient size.
Readily installed
where there is a
fuse plug or cartridge fuse, it can
be used to guard
home lines against
excessive loads

when electrical appliances are being operated, to limit use of current in hotels and hospitals, and to protect industrial plants against breakdowns. The unit contains a thermic release in direct connection with a small magnet to cut the current. It will interrupt current within an hour when twenty-five per cent overloaded; within one minute if the normal load is doubled, and instantly if shorted.

#### GIANT LOUDSPEAKER ON CAR WARNS DRIVERS

Drivers who violate traffic laws are hailed and warned against repetition of the offense by a voice coming from a giant loudspeaker on a white

automobile roving the highways of Indiana. The auto, a supercharged model, is being used by the Indiana state police to reduce traffic accidents. When the opera-

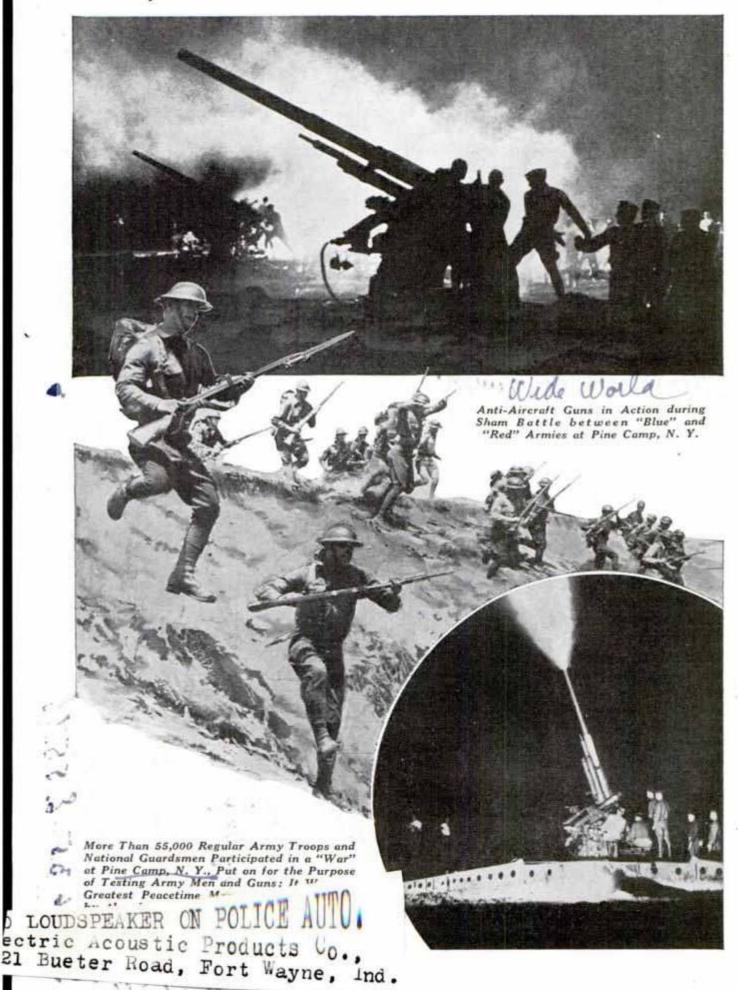
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Police Car with Big Loudspeaker Mounted on Sidefor Warning Careless Drivers

tridge fuse, it can tor sees a violation, he speaks into the mibe used to guard crophone located in the car and his voice home lines against roars through the loudspeaker attached on excessive loads the side of the car. 8 (00)

# Army Goes to "War" to Test Men and Guns



# Streamline Ships Modeled After Air Clippers



streamline developments of aircraft, trains and automobiles. Mr. Geddes has also constructed a model for a streamline seagoing yacht which would be 231 feet long, with a thirty-seven-foot beam and twelve-foot six-inch draft. It would be powered to travel at a speed of sixteen knots and have a cruising radius of 10,000 miles. To conform with its thorough streamline construction, the yacht would carry its life-boats inside the superstructure. In an emergency they would be loaded under cover and then launched from either port or starboard side.

are borrowing more and more from the

# SAVES BLADES AND WORK

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Metal cutting is done more quickly and easily by the use of a special hack-saw blade holder consisting of a solid triangular frame into which the Blade is fitted diagonally. Materi-

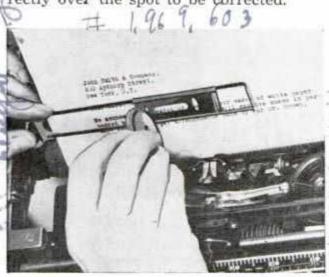
POPULAR MECHANICS Madeson thickness Gunfire Muffled by Box Wis Made for Indoor Ranges

als up to one inch in thickness can be handled. In cutting, the top of the frame runs parallel with the surface being worked on, while the blade moves horizontally like a carpenters' saw, with a long stroke. The saw can be used on corrugated or irregularly shaped metals and for cutting castings, rods, drums, tanks and plates in place of a cutting torch. The frame is made of stainless steel webbing and has an adjustable tension blade holder. Standard hack-saw blades can be used, being held loosely but securely and given plenty of play so they do not break easily.

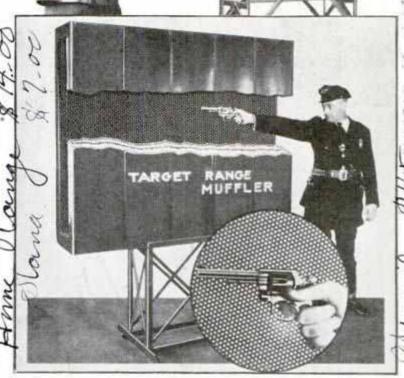
#### TYPEWRITER ERASER GUARD KEEPS PAPER CLEAN

Soiling original copy or "smearing" of carbon copies when erasures are made is prevented and typing work is speeded up by the use of an eraser guard which can be used on any make of typewriter. It is a metal frame shaped to fit the typewriter roller, with a metal tongue on the bottom and a sliding plate with three openingson the top. The plate can be attached to either side of the paper, the tongue being inserted between the top sheet and the car-

bon, preventing pressure when the eraser is applied. By moving the plate to right or left, the typist brings the openings directly over the spot to be corrected.



Eraser Guard That Can Be Attached writer, It Keeps Paper

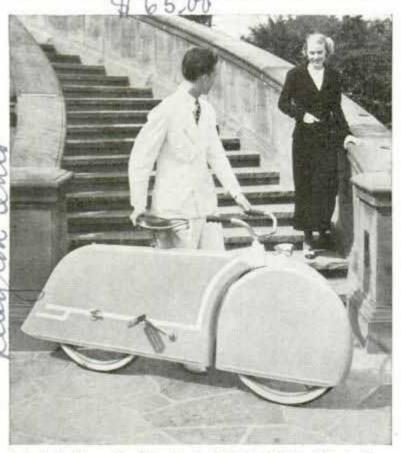


Top, Rifle Practice through Muffler; Bottom, Firing on Police Range; Inset, Close-Up of Insulating Material

sam wor Reducing the noise of rifle or revolver on indoor target ranges, a muffler for individual use has been introduced. To a person standing outside of the range, the reports sound like someone pounding on a heavy box rather than the firing of a gun. The sharp crack of an automatic pistol is changed to a dull thump. The muffler is a box-like arrangement through >which the weapon is fired at the target. Since it is not connected to the rifle or pistol, its use is not contrary to law. One model, the "home range" muffler, may be suspended from ceiling wire supports. It is intended for small-caliber pistols and rifles in basement or small club range. A large size model is for all guns. Both models may be lowered to the floor for prone shooting. The muffler permits adequate lighting, but eliminates glare on the front sight.

# Lightweight Bicycle

Wears Metal "Pants"



Latest in Streamline Bicycles Is This Model, Its Wheels Completely Shrouded in Lightweight Metal

Metal "pants" completely incase the wheels of a streamline bicycle now being manufactured, yet the entire "bike" weighs two pounds less than the standard type. It is built of duralumin for lightness. The manufacturer says the streamline bicycle gives a smoother, easier ride.

# LIQUID RUBBER IS SPRAYED ON AND VULCANIZED BY AIR

Sprayed or brushed on like paint as a protective coat, liquid rubber which vulcanizes itself cold when exposed to the air and is resistant to chemicals can be aired to restore surfaces damaged by acids or worn down by the scraping of sand, ore or coal. A preliminary priming coat also can be sprayed or brushed on. It is effective for lining tanks, vats, conveyors, containers and troughs and for insulating electric cables and wire joints. It acts as a silencer on heavy equipment and will absorb shocks. It also replaces sheet rubber

which has to be applied under heat and pressure with expensive machinery. The material also is available in plastic form which can be applied with a spatula or other flat tool.

#### UNSINKABLE STEEL BOAT IS LIGHT AND RIBLESS

Air tanks form the seats in a speedy, unsinkable boat now being manufactured of light metal. It has neither ribs, keel nor braces, and because of its simple construction is low in price. Built for rowboat or motor boat in eleven, twelve and fourteen-foot lengths, the smallest weighs only eighty pounds and is easily carried on an automobile. The twelvefooter, weighing 107 pounds, will plane with one and one-half horsepower and speed forty to fifty miles an hour with a twelve to sixteen-horsepower motor. Sheet steel is rolled into a cylinder and then "broken" or creased at three points, the center crease taking the place of the keel and the others bending upward to form the sides of the boat. Bow

and stern and buoyant seats are then attached, making it a one-piece rigid boat. It is also built of copper alloy or duralumin, the latter weighing fourteen pounds.



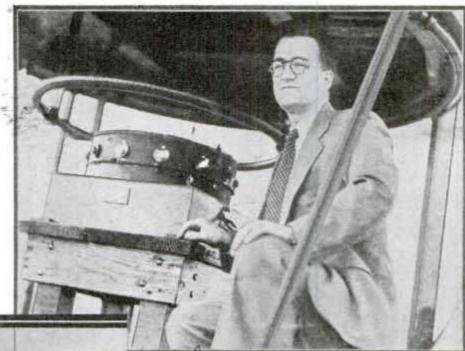
This Eleven-Foot Unsinkable Steel Boat Weighs
Eighty Pounds; Its Three Seats Are Air Tanks

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# Lightning Stands Still for Rapid-Fire Camera

Lightning is to have its picture taken from a special outdoor photographic laboratory at Pittsfield, Mass., where a special twelve-lens camera capable of taking more than five thousand pictures per second has been installed. On the tower atop the observatory is a crystal ball with a periscope leading to the laboratory below, where an operator, always on





Top, High-Speed Camera with Twelve Lenses to Photograph Lightning from Tower, Shown Below

duty, keeps watch for storms. When an electric storm is near, he starts the camera to record the various phases of lightning.

## ORANGE GROVES ARE "GASSED" TO SPUR PRODUCTION

Synthetic ammonia gas, discharged at high pressure into irrigation streams is being used by orange growers in California as a fertilizer. It is manufactured by chemical combination of atmospheric nitrogen with by-product hydrogen from

natural gas wells. It is shipped in liquid form in steel cylinders and when introduced into irrigation streams, dissolves to form a diluted solution which reaches the soil and roots to be oxidized into plant food. While relatively new to man, this gas method is old to nature. When organic matter decays, ammonia is released. Rains dissolve the ammonia out of the air, returning it to the earth.

## ELECTRIC PLUG HELD IN PLACE BY CORRUGATED PRONGS

Held firmly in place so that it will not come loose when attached to a pressing,

iron or vacuum cleaner, the latest type of electric plug is equipped with corrugated prongs which give it a springlike action when placed in the wall socket. It is just as easy to attach as a regular plug and can be used in any

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socket. It is effective for connecting radios, electric clocks, floor lamps and other equipment where an attachment that will not easily pull out is desired.

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# HUNTING A NAPPEAL to amateur weather men in the United States and Canada to keep a lookout for unusual optical phenomena of the atmosphere and to send descriptions and drawings of those observed to the chief of the weather bureau at Washington or to the director of the Canadian Meteorological Service at Toronto, has just been issued. All such phenomena are

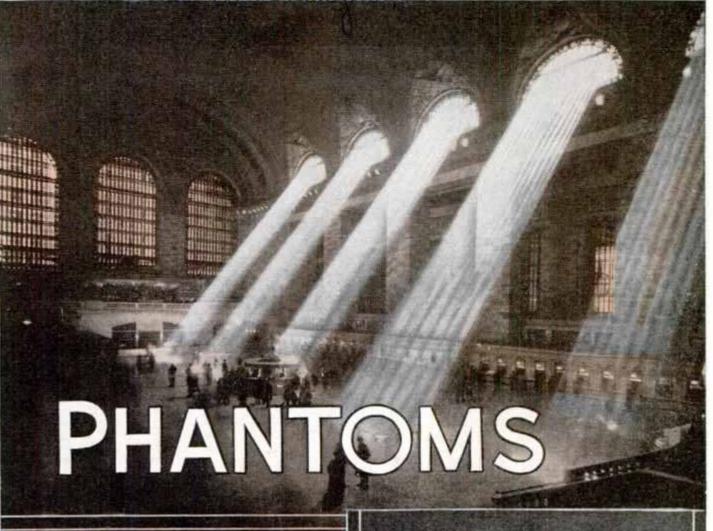
more or less local in character, and many displays remain unrecorded because they do not happen to be visible at any regular

Here is an opportunity for the layman to aid science and at the same time cultivafe a fascinating hobby. The phenomena in question are known technically as "photometeors," and they are far more numerous and varied than most people suppose. Several of those listed in scientific literature have been seen and described so seldom that there is much un-

weather station or observatory.

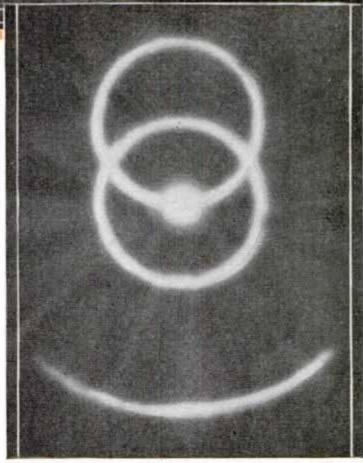
Top, Double "Spray-Bow" at Niagara; Below, Magnified Shadow Cast on a Bank of Clouds

certainty about some of their details. Some of the classified varieties of halo, for exBog 68 2 .

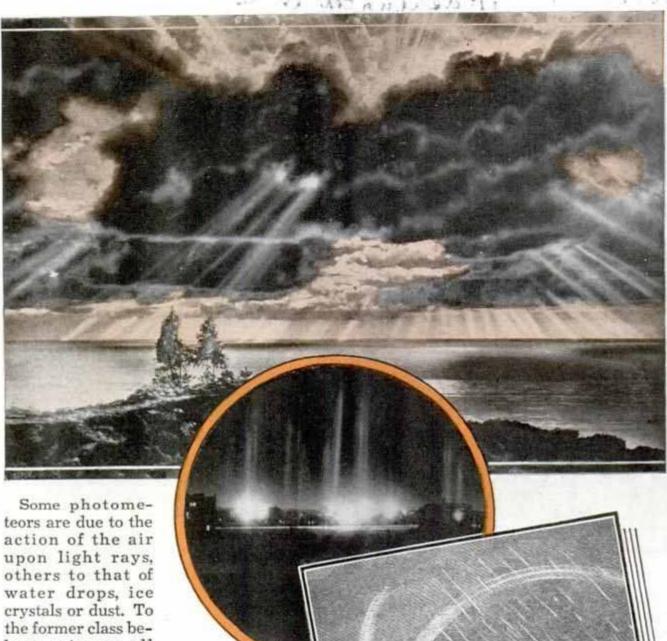


ample, have been reported only once or twice in the whole history of science, and there are still others that, though theoretically possible, have never been reported. Hence anybody who looks for such things regularly may hope to make real discoveries.

The hunter of rare plants and animals must make long journeys to find them, but the hunter of aerial phantoms will, if he keeps watch long enough, see a surprisingly large number near his own home. Mirage like that of the desert is often visible, if one's eye is at the right level, over a hot city pavement-to say nothing of hot stoves. Complex halos, such as we see in pictures of the polar regions, occasionally weave their marvelous patterns in the skies of the United States. The Brocken specter, though it gets its name from a German mountain, is just as common in this country as in Germany.



Top, Sun Streaming through Windows, Similar to "Sun Drawing Water"; Below, Complex Lunar Halo



longs mirage; all kinds of which are caused by the

bending of the rays in their passage through layers of air of different densities. In "desert" or "inferior" mirage a shallow layer of warm, rarefied air next to the ground acts as a mirage, which reflects the sky and thus produces the appearance of water. "Superior" mirage occurs when a deeper layer of dense air is formed over a cold surface, such as water or ice. If the observer is within the dense layer he may see an inverted image in the sky of some

erect. Other kinds of mirage cause faraway objects to "loom" above their normal posi-

low-lying object, such as a ship, or he

may, in rare cases, see two or more images

in a vertical row; some inverted and some

Top, the Sun "Drawing Water"; Center, "Light Pillars" Due to Ice Crystals Floating in Air; Below, Part of a "Reflection Rainbow"

tions—thus bringing into view things usually below the horizon-or to sink below their ordinary levels. "Lateral" mirage, seen along sun-heated walls and cliffs, causes things to appear displaced side-

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# Child Runs Midget Auto with Mower Engine

Driven by a threequarter horsepower lawn-mower engine, a midget car can be operated by children of eight to twelve years of age. The car is driven through both rear wheels by a simple, bevel gear differential. The frame is made of welded angle iron with full spring mounting to



Midget Auto with Welded Sheet-Metal Body Is Powered by Lawn-Mower Engine and Runs Up to Ten Miles per Hour

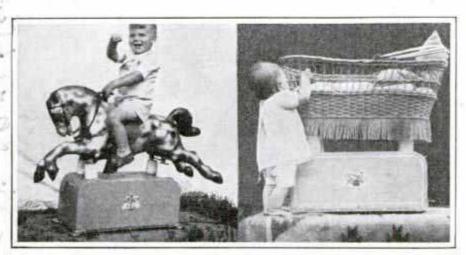
front and rear axles. The entire body and top are made of welded sheet steel, over a light steel frame. The car will carry three passengers comfortably. It can be driven by children with practically no instruction. Safe speeds of six to ten miles per hour are attained with the small Jacobsen motor. Servicing of the power plant is made possible by opening a compartment at the rear.

# Electric Bassinet and Horse Keeps the Baby Contented

With the aid of an electric bassinet, putting the baby to sleep is merely a matter of attaching the bassinet to a base, turning the switch and letting it move gently up and down until the sandman ar-

rives. A motor inside the base supplies the power which is transmitted to four small piston-like rods projecting above the top. The unit provides seven different movements to entertain and exercise

> the child when it is awake and sitting up. Then, if baby's brother wants to go for a canter, the bassinet can be taken off by removing a couple of screws and a mechanical horse mounted on the base. A variety of gaits between a trot and a running gallop are at the command of the young equestrian. The movement of the horse is regulated by the pull applied to the reins.



Left, Electric Horse Attached to Base Gives Rider Choice of Gaits; Right,
Electric Bassinet Rocks Boby to Sleep

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## FIRE EXTINGUISHER FOR HOME SHOOTS DRY COMPOUND



Grease Blaze in Shop Is Speedily Quenched by Dry Compound Fired from Small Hand "Gun"

Shooting a dry compound that quickly smothers flames, a handy fire extinguisher has been designed for home use. It is easily operated, weighs but three pounds and is inexpensive, yet employs the chemical principles used by fire departments. The dry powder cuts off oxygen from the blaze, and eliminates the added damage done by water or wet chemicals in fighting fire. There is no upkeep, for the unit does not corrode or deteriorate.

# NOTEBOOK FOR USE AFTER DARK HAS FLASHLIGHT BUILT IN



Writing and reading notes at night is made easy by a loose-leaf notebook equipped with a tiny flash-light inside the cover, throwing a light across the page when a button is pushed. It

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was designed especially for policemen who must make entries, arrest slips and notes at all times of day. Three small cylindrical batteries in the back of the book are connected with the bulb at the left side by wires encased in the edge of the cover.

#### GOLD FILINGS ARE RECOVERED BY WORK TRAY WITH SHIELD

Livery year dentists, jewelers and others who work with gold lose thousands of dollars in waste gold dust and filings. As they grind away,

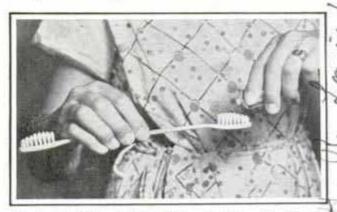
gold dust blows across the table and is lost on the floor and in the rug. A handy work tray has been devised to prevent this loss. It is covered with a transparent shield so that



grinding or drilling work is visible, and all filings of gold or other valuable minerals are caught in the tray.

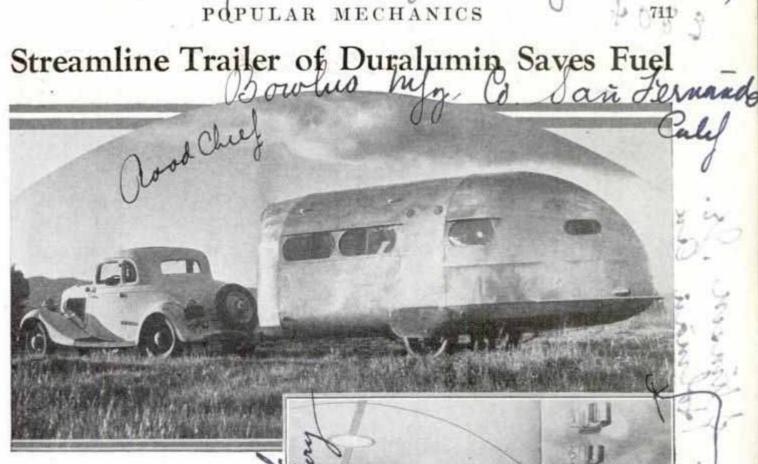
# TOOTHBRUSH WITH TWO HEADS

Alternating brushes for cleaning the teeth is possible with the introduction of a two-headed toothbrush which is just as easy to handle as one with a single set of bristles and lasts twice as long. Thus, one end can be used in the morning, the other at night, allowing both to dry thoroughly before being used again. The two-headed brush also offers a choice of bristles. One end may be stiff and the other soft, or one may have longer bristles than the other.



Choice of Soft or Stiff Bristles Is Offered by Toothbrush Which Has Two Heads

Streamline Trailer of Duralumin, Saves Fuel



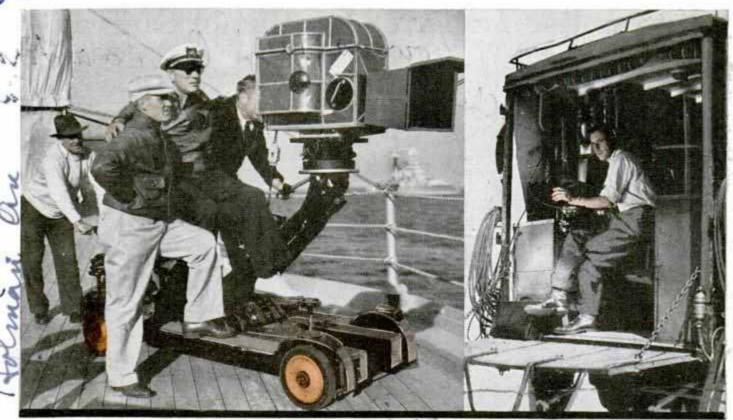
Shaped like the inverted prow of a speed boat, a streamline auto trailer with a welded steel frame and duralumin body provides the latest in motoring comfort. Because of light weight and the reduction of the air "back wash" it is an efficient traveler. At speeds of forty miles an hour and up, the builder claims, the car and trailer use less gas than a single car without a trailer. The trailer is practically heatproof due to the high efficiency of reflection on the exterior and special insulation. It has two compartments with Pull ? man construction living quarters. cushioned seats, folding tables. ceiling lights and a fireproof galley. The port-like windows are of shatter-proof glass with metall screens. A telephone connects the trailer with the car ahead. Two bullet-shaped tail-lights, two stop-lights and four clearancelights provide safety.

Streamline Trailer with Welded Steel Frame and Duralumin Body Has Two Cabins with Berths, Galley, Tables and Seats

PASTE ADHESIVE IS RUBBED ON

Applied like a cold eream, an adhesive in paste form is waterproof, flexible and heat resistant and can be used for repairing toys, furniture, books, leather, fabrics,

upholstery and for mounting photographs or posters. It contains only a small amount of moisture and does not shrink, wrinkle or evaporate. It is applied with a brush or paddle or with the fingers and can be rubbed from the hands without/washing.





Top, Warner Brothers Camera Crew Filming Scene on Battleship, and Columbia Sound Man on Location; Below, Fox Sound Man on Location

AKE a look at a "map of the world" used by the movies and you will find the Red sea beside the Sahara desert with the coast of Holland, the South Sea islands and the Mediterranean near by-all in California.

From the Mississippi to the Nile is but a few hundred miles in the scrambled geog-

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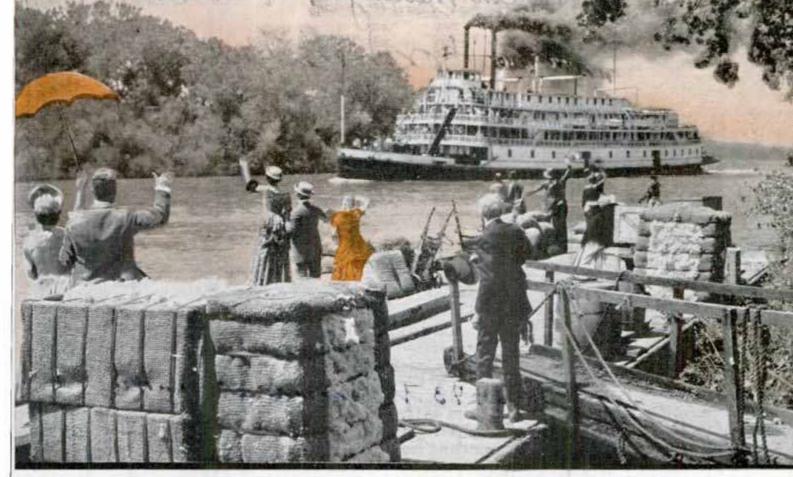
raphy of movieland. Thanks to the keen eyes of location scouts the bayous of Louisiana are no more than an hour's drive from the steppes of Russia, and both locations are near Hollywood.

On the way to scenery depict-Jing Persia a motion-picture company may pass through bits of country that are used in films of Cuba, the Riviera, and the interior of China. A company may be screening a drama of the Argentine pampas, but the post-office address is Bakersfield, Calif. Actors of another company completing an Alaskan snow picture get their mail at Lone Pine in the mountains instead of at Nome. On Catalina island, off the coast,

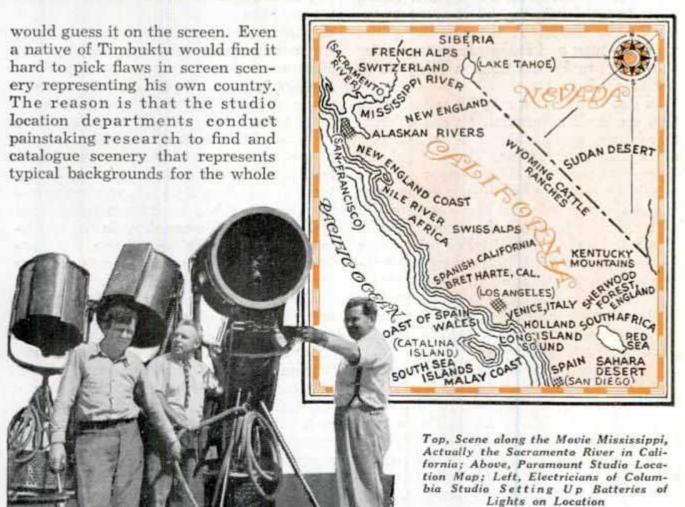
swashbuckling actors dressed like seamen of a hundred years ago anchor their ship near a Tahitian village, a few miles from

the pleasure resort of Avalon.

No matter in what part of the world a film story is laid, the chances are that most of the "foreign" scenery is filmed within a day's drive of Hollywood. Few people



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Fox Company on Location at the Little Town of Bridgeport, Calif.,
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world. On the Fox lot, R. C. Moore has a file of thousands of photographs from which he can tell you at a moment's notice just where to go for scenery from Abyssinia to Zululand and he can prove it by comparisons with pictures actually taken in the country you want. In eighteen years of scouting out locations he has found spots in California typical of every country in the world. A little work by the property men and authentic costumes for the actors make the illusion complete in the finished picture.

In one day Moore may be called on to find an English hospital, an old colonial farmhouse, some Chinese river scenery, and a Russian salt mine. The hospital and farmhouse are easy. The chances are that suitable structures not twenty miles from the studio are listed in his files. For the Chinese river he sends the director to the lower Colorado near Needles where the low banks and flat back country are typical of the orient. The salt mine may be created on the salt surface of a dry lake in the desert near Amboy, something like the Muroc dry lake that serves in making pictures of ancient Egypt.

"When a company needs sand dunes for a background we offer several locations," Moore explained. "There are fifty-foot dunes near Guadalupe, as well as a real Sahara west of Yuma. There are still others near Palm Springs. Palm Springs is similar to certain parts of Cuba and has also been transformed into South African scenery. For other Cuban films we go to the jungle-like Manta Ana canyon, within half a mile of the green fields and pastures that were used to represent the Des Moines country in 'State Fair.'

"Pictures of the eastern countryside are sometimes made at Corona where the trees and cattle resemble the real thing. For New England villages and mountains we send the actors north to Sonora, which also forms authentic backgrounds for pictures of the gold-rush type. The town of Pleasanton near Oakland is a perfect New England village, since it was built many years ago by Vermonters who brought their architecture with them. The coast near Monterey is similar to that of New England. South of Monterey, at Morro bay, is a favorite spot for screening pictures of the Nile. The flat, treeless country that stretches back from the bay is typical of the Nile country. In the mountains near Lake Tahoe, Siberia, Switzerland, and Wyoming cattle-ranch country are almost shoulder to shoulder."

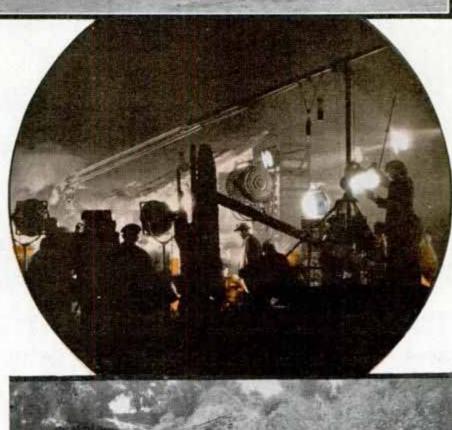
The Sacramento river has been given many names in pictures although its most popular use is as the Mississippi. "Tom Sawyer" was filmed on that stream and "Steamboat Bill" was produced there, with old-time river boats and bales of cotton at the landings. Depending on whether a quiet or a fast stream is wanted, directors may send their actors either to sluggish streams near San Francisco bay or to the tumbling Russian river near Sausalito. Inland Alaskan country is represented by an area along the coast near



Ventura, where an Alaskan mining village was built in filming "The Spoilers."

Even closer to Hollywood is scenery that represents a dozen or more countries. At Point Fermin realistic pictures of the Welsh coast are made. at Santa Monica the palisades and crowded beaches double for the French Riviera in pictures, and at Lake Sherwood are the thick woods that are labeled "Sherwood Forest" in Robin Hood roles. The wooded Santa Monica canyon is a favorite place for battles, wild chases, and Connecticut farm lands, while a few miles away the rolling hills along the ocean comprise an ideal coast of Spain for the studios. The flat open spaces of San Fernando valley, in which several studios are located, contain spots used for trench warfare scenes and wartime flying fields.

Arch Beach makes a good Malay coast but Laguna Beach, whose coves have been the (Continued to page 128A)

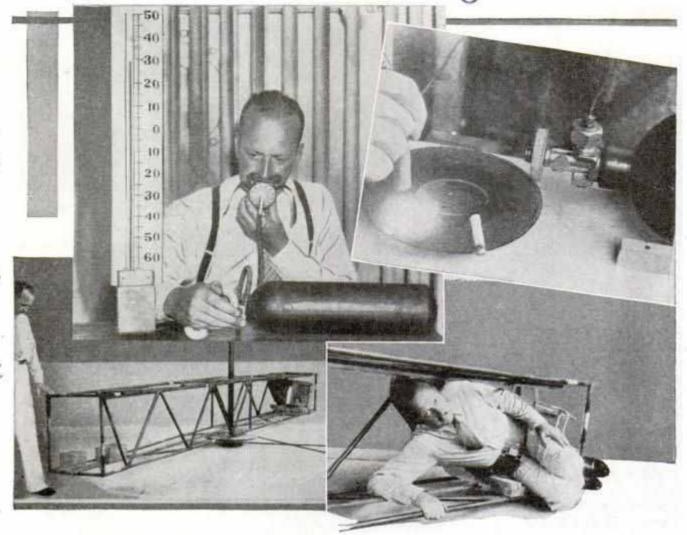




Top, Portable Movie Outfit on Location; Center, Chinese Street Scene Filmed in Hollywood; Below, Making a River Shot on Location

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Flyers Test Power-Dive Perils in Laboratory



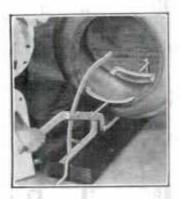
Top, Left, Wearing Oxygen Mask in Altitude Test Chamber; Right, Cigarette in Oxygen Stream Flares up While Other Cigarette Burns Normally; Bottom, Two Views of Centrifuge Used for Power Dive Test

What happens in the brain and blood stream of a test pilot when he "blacks out," unconscious, as he pulls his roaring plane out of a steep power dive? Why do stratosphere flyers find their teeth crumbling, and how is the crew of tomorrow's air cruiser to travel in comfort at 40,000 feet above the earth where air is thin and the cold paralyzes? These are some of the questions for which the army air corps is seeking answers in a new research unit at Dayton, Ohio. Pilots often become unconscious in power dives when the pull of the body reaches as high as 1,000 pounds. To simulate this hazard in the laboratory, Capt. Harry G. Armstrong, flight surgeon, has built a centrifuge, a welded frame like a plane's fuselage, spinning on a central axis, horizontally, as fast as 100 times a minute. This speed would multiply the weight of a pilot seated at one end of the whirling frame by

nearly 100. His chair, balanced by weights at the other end, is held near the axis until the desired speed is reached and then slides to the end. It is hoped to determine the condition under which a pilot blacks out and to establish a test for a pilot's fit-Experiments with animals have shown that small brain hemorrhages result from the centrifugal force. Studies will be made of the effect of oxygen on teeth and lungs. A skull fitted with human teeth and various types of fillings will be encased in a flying helmet and exposed to varying temperatures and oxygen saturation. A substitute for bulky, electrically heated clothing and a way to eliminate frosting of goggles at high altitudes will be sought. In ten years, Capt. Armstrong believes, sealed cabins and improved clothing will have rendered today's stratosphere uniforms as antiquated as linen dusters and goggles for motorists.

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## QUICK TIRE-SPREADING TOOL WORKED BY ONE MAN

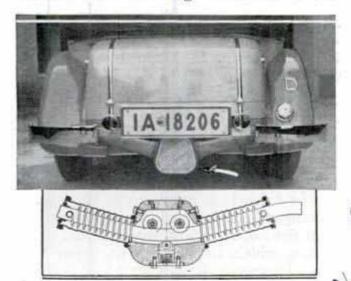


Portable and easily operated by one man, a new tire spreader handles all sizes of casings, from the smallest to the largest heavy duty. It can be used on the floor, curb or shop

bench. Its self-locking device eliminates straining and tugging to lock or release. The tool is offered for service stations, fleet owners, dealers and maintenance organizations where tire work is handled.

#### ANTI-SKID "GYROSCOPE" ON CAR DESIGNED FOR SAFETY

Working on the same principle as the gyroscope that minimizes rolling of ships, a new device is intended to prevent automobiles from skidding. Attached to the



Forces That Cause Skids Are Counteracted by This "Gyroscope" Attached to Rear of Automobile

rear of the car below the trunk or bumper, it consists of a weight of 100 to 150 pounds suspended on rollers from a Veshaped rail and held between two springs that limit movement to about one and one-half inches to the right or left. When the conventional car turns a curve or corner, the centrifugal force created tends to produce a skid. But the "gyroscope," due to the inertia of the weight and the springs that hold it, exerts a counterforce that "kills" the skid and holds the par safely.



Boatman Faces Forward in Oarless Craft Propelled Like Hand Car and Steered by Feet

#### BOAT PROPELLED LIKE HAND CAR : IS STEERED BY FEET

When one Berlin boatman goes rowing, he doesn't use any oars. Instead he propels his craft like a hand car, by pulling a lever to and fro, which transmits power to a screw propeller aft. He sits in the stern, facing forward. The boat is steered by foot pedals connected by wire to the rudder. The absence of oars enables it to navigate the narrowest streams.

#### SANDING JOB DONE SMOOTHLY WITH SANDPAPER GLOVES

Delicate sandpapering work can be

gloves—canvas gloves with renewable sand surfaces on the palm and fingers. Quite rigid when installed, the sandpaper can be detached easily when worn out, and a dozen "fillers" are supplied with every pair.



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Top, Engineer of "City of Portland" in Air-Conditioned Cab; Below, Control Room of a Streamliner

A DEEP booming roar fills the air. The throbbing beat grows louder. Coming down the track is the streamliner. There is a fleeting glimpse of a rounded nose, a blur of yellow, then two red tail-lights.

The "M-10001," now the "City of Portland," is being put through its paces. A year ago this Union Pacific streamliner broke transcontinental records by dashing from Los Angeles to New York in less than fifty-seven hours. That was admittedly a test run. High-speed Diesel-electric trains were still in the experimental stage. They had to prove their worth. This one and its rival, the Burlington "Zephyr," both proved conclusively that sustained high speed was possible, practical and economical.

Satisfied with the first tests, the Union Pacific turned its attention to increasing passengers' comfort and ironing out problems developed during the test run. One feature which worked out on paper but failed in practice was heating the coaches. The air conditioning worked in normal weather, but in zero temperature the aluminum walls dissipated the heat too fast.

Larger pipes were installed.

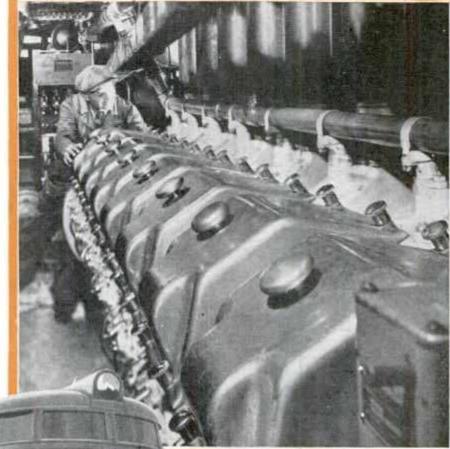
The original train swayed badly and vibrated at certain speeds. The trouble was traced to the trucks and new ones were installed. The original trucks were of seven-foot three-inch centers. The new ones are ten feet and six inches. In addition, the new wheel and axle unit, balanced statically and dynamically, is so accurate a hammer blow throws it off center. No chances of damage were taken during the

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remodeling. Each axle and wheel was wrapped in cotton batting and left that way until the train was ready to roll.

Late last May the reconditioned "M-10001" was given the most grueling test run ever accorded a train. There were rumors that streamline trains were rough riding. This train was to prove a streamliner could glide like a toboggan.

Through freight yards, over abandoned track and across industrial sidings it sped. Dynamometers recorded every jolt, bump and sidesway. The streamliner came through





Top, Engine Room Showing Sixteen-Cylinder Diesel; Bottom, Front View; "Cow Catcher" Did Not Appear on Original "M-10001"

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with flying colors. All chatter was eliminated, the whiplike motion had vanished.

O. J. "Ollie" Mitchell, veteran steam en-

O. J., "Ollie," Mitchell, veteran steam engineer, is the pilot who drove "M-10000,"

the first streamline train. He also held the throttle when the "M-10001" shattered two records. His power car on the "City of Portland" looks like the engine room of a submarine. Walls, ceiling and floor are lined with pipes. tanks and coils. In the center stands the huge sixteen-cylinder Diesel, recessed so the shaft comes on a line with the floor. This is the largest oil-electric unit in locomotive service. To install it, the car was rolled over a pit which contained the engine and generator,

and the unit was hoisted into place. Fuel oil and water are carried in tanks under the passenger coaches. A pump keeps a

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Revolving Arm Spins Model Blimps at High Speed to Test Stresses under Storm Conditions

#### "SLING SHOT" TESTS MODEL BLIMP AT THREE MILES A MINUTE

Future dirigible disasters may be eliminated as a result of tests on twelve-foot Zeppelin models, at the Daniel Guggen-

heim Airship Institute in Akron, Ohio, to determine where the greatest strains occur in conditions of severe storms. A two-ton revolving arm or "sling shot" whirls them through space at 200 miles an hour. Rubber tubes connected to sixty tiny holes in the hull lead to gauges which record the pressure forces at each spot. Films passing behind the tubes make a photographic record of the model's performance. Knowledge gained from the tests will be used in the future construction of airships so that sections which are subject to the greatest strains can be strengthened.

## FLOWERPOT HUNG LIKE PICTURE CANNOT FALL AND BREAK

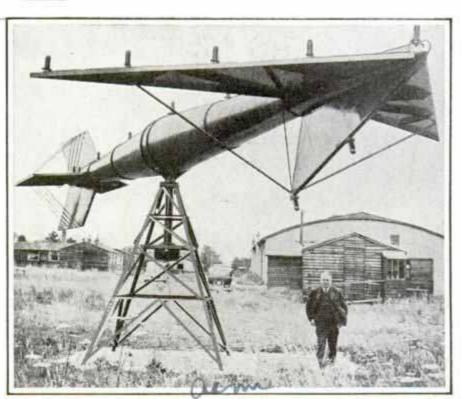
Hung on the wall like a picture or attached to the side of a window. a sturdily built flowerpot with a blooming plant or vine offers an unusual way of brightening the home. It is attached to hooks deeply imbedded in a glass exten-



sion fastened to the wall. The hooks are staggered to distribute the weight and will support a heavy load.

#### VIND INDICATOR FOR AIRPORT IS ILLUMINATED ARROW

From 7,000 feet above the airport, day or night, flyers can tell the wind direction by glancing at a huge lighted arrow designed by a British inventor for a wind indicator. It is sixty feet long and twentythree feet across the barbs, built of galvanized steel and studded with electric lights. The arrow swings with the wind to show airmen which way to land.



Giant Arrow Points Direction of Ground Winds for Flyers Preparing to Land, Note Light Bulbs to Point Way at Night

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# Wax Coat Keeps Fruit and Vegetables Fresh Sun-ripened fruit and vegetables are now being bent for and vegetables are

now being kept fresh by a thin armor of wax. So effective is the process that in many instances shippers can dispense with refrigeration. Experiments demonstrated that respiration through the skin of fruit and vegetables speeds fungus decay and that by coating products fresh from soil

or plant with air-tight wax, rotting could be retarded. Wax prevents scald, chief cause of rot in apples, and triples their market life out of storage. Oranges and grapefruit are kept fresh on



Top, Some Garden Products Kept Fresh by Waxing; Left, Oranges Are Washed, Then Sprayed with Hot Wax Spread Thin by Whirling Brushes; This Coat Checks Decay and Preserves Luster



stands six months instead of six weeks or less. Lemons are kept in wax eight months to a year. Tomatoes can be picked ripe instead of green and remain fresh twice as long. Melons, cucumbers, potatoes, pears, even eggs are being waxed. Leafy vegetables, berries, apri-

cots, peaches and nectarines have not responded to the process, but experiments are continuing. Shippers estimate that 25,000,000 boxes of greenstuff and fruit are being treated with wax in this country this year, and that three-fourths of the year's export tonnage is shipped under wax. The \$50,000,000 annual loss from domestic fruit decay may be reduced to the vanishing point by the new process.

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up his engines.

These new expressions are an indication of some of the changes that are revolutionizing flying. Instead of a dare-devil aviator, the man in charge of an airliner is now a true captain of the air, part engineer, part navigator, and part pilot. He has come a long way since he sat behind his control stick and had nothing to do except glance at his tachometer

Douglas Airliner in Flight, and Co-Pilot Pumping Lever That Raises Landing Wheels into Engine Nacelles after Ship Has Taken Off and Gained Altitude

# SKY LINES



and watch the scenery. Today a transport pilot is often too busy to fly the plane himself and he turns much of this routine duty over to the "third pilot." This new member of the cockpit crew is a mechanical robot that never sleeps or tires and that lives on less than nothing, since its diet consists of a steady vacuum. Tucked away in the bottom of the plane, the automatic pilot thinks and works for itself and guides the



Two dials on the instrument board report the actions of the mechanical slave.

When the automatic pilot is on duty the chief pilot even transmits his flying orders to it. Instead of taking over the controls himself to change the course the pilot now maneuvers his plane by twisting three little knobs on the gyro panel. If he wants to try the wind at a higher altitude he merely turns the button marked "Climb" and the unfailing mechanism automatically carries out his order. By turning other buttons the pilot can change the direction of the plane to the left or right or descend.

Except to a trained pilot the cockpit of a Douglas DC-2 airliner is a confusing place. Even an experienced flyer needs fifty hours of special training before he can fly the plane efficiently. Rows of dials fill the instrument panel, so many that most of the dials now have smaller faces to make room for the rest. Other dials and switches stud the pedestal between the seats that carry the carburetor throttles and mixture controls. Vari-colored lights flash on and off to tell the pilot of the condition of special apparatus. Over-



Fueling an Airliner, and Pilot with His Case of Equipment for Making Complicated Calculations While the Flight Is in Progress

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automatic pilot the skipper of nine tons of flying metal is a very busy man. Si Morehouse, senior pilot of Transcontinental and Western Air, and the other TWA pilots, really begin thèir flights half an hour before they leave the ground. Before entering his plane, a pilot first consults the station meteorologist and studies the latest weather reports gathered from stations along his route. Then he writes out in detail a pre-

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head, beneath, behind, and on both sides of the pilot are other banks of instruments. Among the newest of them are the "metal mike" controls, the sensitive altimeter that registers to within twenty feet, the levers for changing the pitches of the propellers, and the landing gear and air-brake controls. In all, there are forty-one flying controls, forty-six panel instruments, seventeen electrical switches, eight radio controls, and three roof ventilator controls, a total of 115 instruments the pilot uses.

The latest is a gauge that registers the intake manifold pressures of the engines. Few people cared about manifold pressures in the past but now the pilots know these pressures indicate engine efficiencies and are a truer measure of performance and speed than revolutions per minute or throttle settings. Nearly every move

they make in flight is based on the readings of the new instruments. The gauges show the pressures in the engine manifolds in comparison with air pressure at sea level and hence are calibrated in inches of mercury like mercurial barometers. That is why, when a pilot speaks about "thirty inches of mercury," or "sixty per cent of engine efficiency," other pilots know exactly what he means.

Even with the aid of his co-pilot and



Talking over Emergency Radio Located behind Co-Pilot's Seat, and View Showing Size of Modern Airliner

diction of what he will do in the air. Basing his decisions on weather conditions,
he decides ahead of time at what angle he
will climb, his cruising altitude and speed,
corrections he will make for drift, and
even at what time he will land at his destination. He writes down the fields that
he would use in an emergency and estimates the amount of fuel he will have left
at the end of the flight.

"Making a preliminary flight plan pre-

pares a pilot for the special conditions of that flight," Morehouse tells you. "It reduces the possibility of error in making fast judgments aloft and allows him to make the most efficient use of the 1,430 horsepower of his engines. It also eliminates much of the paper work he would have to do in the air, and provides a tentative schedule f of the trip for the ground . crews. Of course, a pilot may change his mind and





Pilot Consulting Weather Charts Before Flight, and Co-Pilot Tuning Overhead Radio Receiver

weather conditions rarely change a great deal during a four-hour flight, the original plan is nearly always followed."

As a symbol of their new status, all TWA pilots carry the latest tool of their profession, a zipper case crammed with calculators, slide rules, protractors, and complicated engineering data and per- of ble pump, turns the carburetor air conpilot works out as many as thirty different

calculations while sitting in the nose of his transport during flight. Also in the case are maps of radio ranges, airway beacons, and weather charts, as well as an operations manual, forms, mail records, and passenger manifests. The cockpit of an airliner resembles a busy office part of the time.

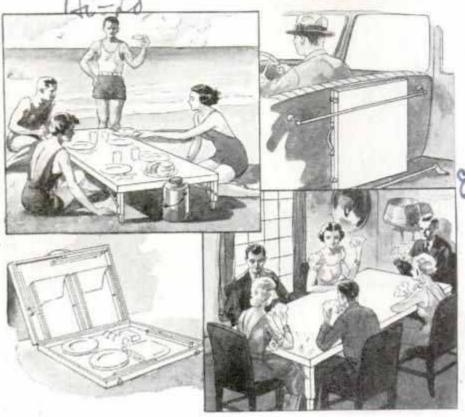
When Morehouse boards his plane at the Grand Central air terminal near Los Angeles he begins a series of operations that keep him busy until the plane lands at Albuquerque, 700 miles away. After the ground crew plugs in the battery cart connections that temporarily boost the available power, Morehouse throws switches that energize the plane's electrical system and the electrical instruments by which temperatures and fuel quantities and pressures are measured. With the aid of other switches he checks all of the plane's lights.

The airliner carries two grades of gasodeviate from the flight plan, but since line, the auxiliary tanks containing superfuel of eighty-seven octane rating for the takeoff and possible emergencies while the other tanks are filled with aviation gasoline for ordinary cruising. The copilot turns the engine gasoline selectors to the high octane tanks, builds up fuel pressure in the carburetors with a hand wobformance charts. With these on his lap a "trols to "cold" and the oil temperature

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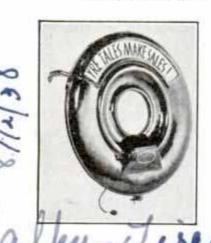
Folding Table for Picnics
or Home Is Easily Carried



Folding Table with Adjustable Legs Handy for Home or Outings, Is Easily Carried and Makes Convenient Receptacle for Eating Utensils

Handy for camping, picnics or home games, a portable outing table four feet long by two and one-half feet wide has adjustable legs that raise its height from sixteen and one-half to twenty-six inches. At low height it is suitable for picnics or beach parties. At full height it is efficient for camping or for home use. When folded it becomes a carrying case that fits back of the robe rail in the car.

## REVOLVING "AD" IN TIRE COVER FLASHES SALES SLOGANS



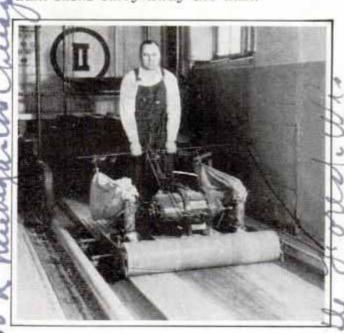
"Talking" tire covers are the latest method used by advertisers to attract attention of the motoring public. Mounted on the spare tire at the rear is a steel cover with a transparent "window" at the top,

through which a new advertising card flashes its sales talk every five seconds. Inside the cover is a disk bearing three advertising cards, each of which is shown in succession as a small motor gives the disk a one-third revolution. Motor and lights for night use draw one ampere or less from the automobile battery.

## BOWLING ALLEY IS SANDED SMOOTH BY WIDE DRUM

To resurface bowling alleys with the highest polish attainable, a sanding machine has been devised which covers the entire width of the alley and moves forward at a fixed speed. The fortyfour inch sanding drum is guided by side wheels which push against the dividers between the al-

leys, and forward motion is controlled by an electric winch and airplane cable, insuring even pull and eliminating any grooves. Variations in the repolished surface do not exceed one-30,000th inch. Vacuum sacks carry away the dust.



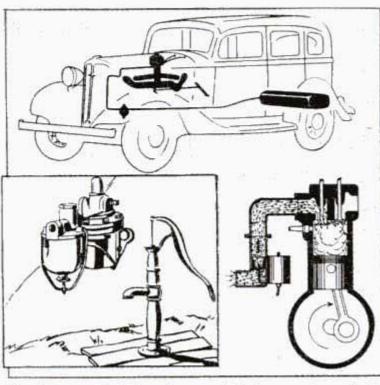
Sanding Drum "Shaves" Entire Width of Bowling
Alley While Advancing at Constant Speed

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## Experts Fight Vapor Lock in Car Fuel System

Keeping the fuel system of the modern automobile from getting too hot is a problem for which engineers are seeking a solution. When gasoline is heated, about ten per cent of it boils away at 130 degrees and the boiling action interferes with the carburetor, causing missing and stalling, a condition known as "vapor lock." In recent tests by The Texas company, with the air at 100 degrees, these fuel temperatures were recorded in an auto being operated at forty miles per hour with a brake load corresponding to a seven-per-cent grade: pump outlet, 149 degrees; carburetor bowl, 143 degrees, and main jet, 131 degrees. When the motor was cut off, these temperatures were found: pump outlet, 177 degrees; carburetor bowl, 181 degrees, and main jet, 184. The three main of-

fenders in the overheated fuel system are fuel pump, carburetor and gas line connecting them. Trouble resulting from boiling fuel is avoided in some 1935 models by using a large enough vent in the bowl so the vapor may escape easily. Interference with the pump is overcome by using pumps twenty to fifty times the capacity required to handle the liquid fuel. Other suggested remedies for the vaporlock problem are: use of thick insulating gaskets for fuel pump and carburetor; keeping pump, fuel line and carburetor as far from exhaust system as possible and shielding them from heat; circulating larger volume of air through radiator when car is running, and improving natural circulation when car is standing by having louvers in engine side pans and hood. John O. Eisinger and D. P. Barnard of Standard Oil Company of Indiana have, found that an increase in horsepower of fifteen to twenty per cent may be obtained in the average automobile engine by reducing the temperature of the mixture in the intake manifold by sixty degrees. This reduction in temperature is obtained by using more volatile fuels which require less manifold heat for vaporization. The increased power is due to two factors:



Top, Showing Fuel Line, Pump and Carburetor; Inset, Fuel Pump; Right, Fuel Mixture Flowing into Cylinder

first, the lower temperature permits a greater weight of air to be drawn in; and, second, the cooler air allows an increase in compression of half a ratio. It also was found that a power increase of seven and one-half to ten per cent could be obtained if engines could be operated on winter gasoline during the summer months, provided the engines were designed to take full advantage of the more volatile fuel.

#### ELECTRIC DOOR BELL FOR DOG IS OPERATED BY PEDAL

Your dog can ring the doorbell instead of barking or scratching if you install an



electric bell made for his particular use. A pedal near the bottom of the door connects with the bell. Projecting at a height where the dog norm ally scratches, it completes a circuit

when the pet's paw is pressed down. The hook-up is simple and a dog can be trained without difficulty to use it.

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## Flying Camera with Ten Eyes "Sees" over 200 Square Miles



Aerial View, Taken with Ten-Lens Camera, Showing Two Hundred Square Miles; Boulder Dam Appears as Semi-Circle Near Bottom

More than 200 square miles of territory were crowded into a single picture when Boulder dam and the man-made lake above it were photographed recently with a ten-lens aerial camera from a height of 20,000 feet. All the peaks, rivers, plateaus and other physical features in the area are shown in relief. The dam itself appears as a semi-circle near the bottom of the picture, while the huge reservoir is in allel supply tubes, the center. The picture is one of a series, taken for the federal government and is used to study soil-erosion control to protect the reservoir. A giant camera, weighing 275 pounds, and exposing ten negatives simultaneously was used.

### ZINC AND PAINT "HOSTILE"

 Paint will not stick permanently to zinccoated metal because the two are chemically "hostile." Dr. Henry J. Wing, a chemist, has found that the contact of the two generates an acid which causes de-

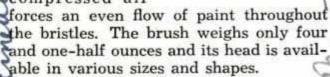
terioration. He noticed that the contact side of paint peeling off zincsurfaced metal was covered with white film. He exposed small zinc-covered glass reflectors to fumes from paint and found the same film on the mirror surface. Anal, ysis proved it to be zinc formate, a compound of zinc and formic acid. Paint removed from galvanized iron showed the same substance present. Paint taken from plain iron did not have it. While these experiments solved a baffling riddle, science is still faced with the problem of how to make paint adhere to zinc.

#### PAINTBRUSH IS FED DIRECT FROM PAIL BY AIR HOSE

Combine the paintbrush and the paint spray and you have the selffeeding brush, which eliminates all the waste

effort of pausing to dip your brush into the paint bucket. A portable air compressor does the work.

Driven by gasoline or electric motor, it forces air and paint from Spressure chambers through parinto the brush, the supply being controlled by a finger button in the brush handle. The compressed air



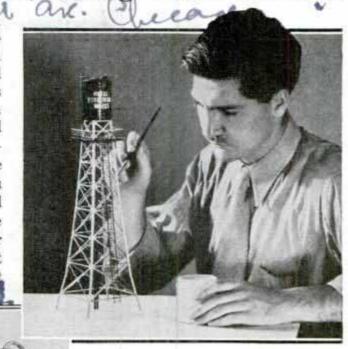
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## Tiny Girders Aid in Building Scale Models

Model skyscrapers and toy railroads, bracelets and picture frames and ships are some of the things you can build with brass and aluminum girders, rails and grooved parts supplied in any dimensions by a Chicago metal-furrowing works. In miniature, the channeled, grooved, fluted and slotted strips are replicas of the standard steel building materials. There are double-grooved pieces from which you can fashion tiny sliding windows fitted with glass. Architects and engineers use this material to build scale models, corner members fitting so neatly they need not be soldered unless desired for permanent

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Top, Tower Built of Tiny Beams; Left, Ship Model and Other Products of Grooved Metal Shown in Foreground

exhibit. Besides the standard "T" and "Z" bars, "I" beams and "H" beams and columns, there are round, slotted ladder bars and wire for making ship railings, "00" gauge rails, angles and channels, and special corners for constructing showcases and water tight aquariums. Decorative strips are also furnished for framing pictures and for jewelry.

## Blind Operator Reads Calls on Switchboard in Braille

Fingertips read the calls on a Braille telephone switchboard designed for blind operators. This development by telephone engineers has opened another occupation to the sightless. In front of the operator is the regular trunk-line switchboard with its plugs for connections. Instead of flashing lights, however, there is a horizontal table at the left of the board with rows of buttons or plungers, beside each of which is a Braille number. When the buzzer indicates a call, the operator runs her hand over the table, finds upraised plunger and reads its Braille dots for the number. At the same time she locates the cord with her right hand and plugs in to make the proper conflection.

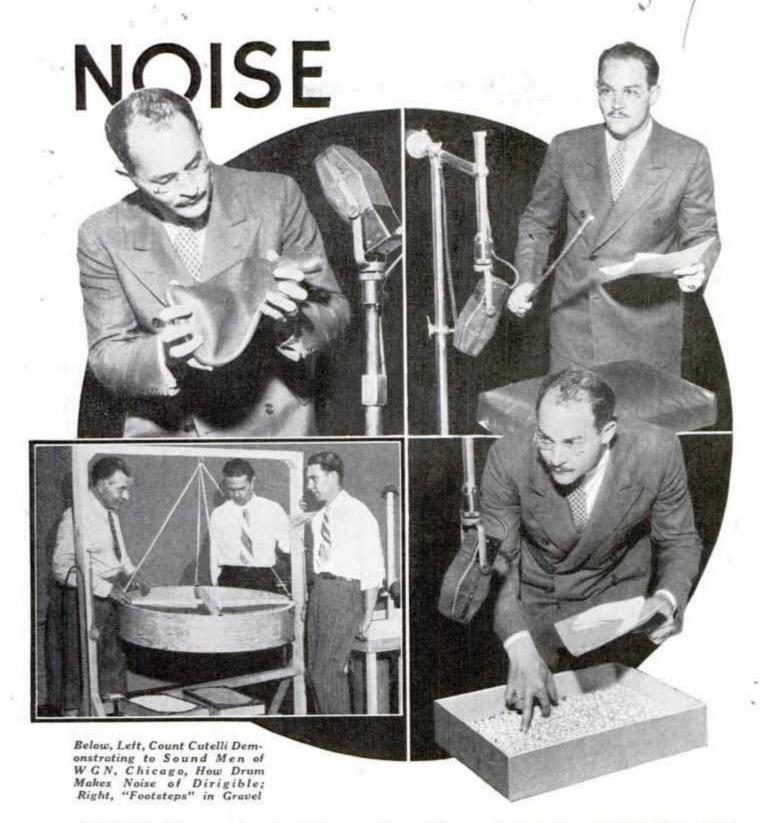


Left, Count Cutelli and Assistant with Boxes for Making All Kinds of Train Sounds; Below, Egyptian Water Grass and Wind Machine to Simulate Sound of Wind in Marshes, and Bas-ketball Containing Buckshot Used to Make Sound of Big Explosion; Top, Opposite Page, Hot-Water Bottle to Produce Sound of Person Swimming, and Apparatus for Making Pistol and Rifle Shots HIT-AND-MISS methods no longer are employed in supplying sound effects for radio productions. Instead, the creation of natural sounds by artificial means has become a complex and often costly part of the business. As a result, a new profession—that of sound effects expert has grown up in the industry. There are only a handful of these sound experts, one of the foremost being Count G. Mazzaglia Cutelli, an Italian whose work has won for him the nickname of the "Big Noise," a title he earned in Hollywood when, as a synchronist, he created a big battle scene for the background of a motion picture. Since then he has installed his sound-

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making apparatus in many studios both here and abroad and has succeeded in reducing the production of radio sounds virtually to an exact science. In addition, he has given the art of artificial sound making a new technique and equipment that is a study in compactness and utility. The units of his apparatus are so con-

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structed that they can be placed in a small corner, thus conserving valuable studio space. Eleven fundamental devices constitute his equipment for making hundreds of everyday sounds. These are a plunger, a tom-tom, a canvas bag, a tin box, a red rubber balloon, a banjo, a train box, a pillow, a piece of silk cloth, a handful of Cellophane, and a hot-water bottle. Some of these are especially built to his specifications and some of his materials are imported from abroad

His equipment is supplemented with sheets of plywood, used for thunder; boxes of shot creating the illusion of waves breaking on a beach; coconut shells grinding into bits of granite for horses trotting, and a wind machine that will produce anything from a murmur to a hurricane. These simple devices are productive of so many different sounds that their diversity is amusing—the crunch of footsteps, the sizzling of bacon, snorting of a locomotive, whir of flying birds, howl-

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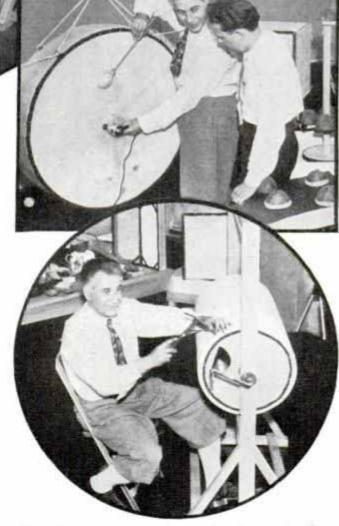
have found that a study of the microphone placement is of utmost importance. For some effects the microphone is almost touching the source of the sound. Seldom is it more than a few inches away. The effects heard in the studio are not always identical with those they are intended to simulate. The magic of the microphone is necessary to complete the illusion."

To simulate a terrific

ing of the wind, the chirp of a cricket, roar of a cascade, airplanes in formation, or the thunder of artillery.

Most sound devices created heretofore have been big, unwieldy and expensive to operate. Count Cutelli has changed all that. In one studio he replaced a big \$450 motor occupying three square yards, used to create explosions, with a tiny substitute occupying about an inch of space and costing a dollar. In Berlin, he found three persons threshing about in an artificial pool to make a rowing sound. This he supplanted with an invention of his own covering about five square inches and costing seventy-five cents. And this device originates all kinds of water sounds from a mere swish to a splash. He makes a painstaking study and analysis of the myriad sounds in nature, then goes about recreating them mechanically.

"For radio production," he says, "sounds must be 'tailor made' to fit the script. The sound of an ordinary train is not sufficient for a situation that calls for the roar of an express. Too many persons can differentiate between the two. The same is true of ship noises, machinery, airplanes and many other sounds that figure in our daily lives. In producing sounds artificially I



Top, Trotting Horses; Below, Simulating Artillery Fire; Bottom, Sound Effects Wind Machine

explosion he uses an inflated basketball bladder containing a few buckshot. A few preliminary movements are climaxed with a slight bounce against the microphone itself. For ordinary rain he pours fine lead shot on a canvas stretched taut across the top of a specially designed box with the microphone six inches away. To effect a driving rain, possibly with hail, a sheet of Cellophane is stretched over the canvas. And by altering the shot, the distance of dropping, and the microphone placement the sound of artillery can be heard. And the whir of the "Graf Zeppelin" motors is imitated merely by rolling half of an English walnut on a suspended drum head.

If the script calls for an actor to speak in a great hall, all he need do is direct his voice into a square box backed by canvas. The sound man also has designed a cloth bag the player pulls over his head when gasping out his dying words. By pulling a square piece of canvas a certain way, the sound of a football being kicked is sent into the "mike." A series of pulls on a piece of silk cloth imitates the sound of an outboard motor in operation. One of the outstanding features of Count Cutelli's equipment is the simplicity of its operation. A child can be taught the whole catalogue of sounds in twelve hours, he says.

"It is my theory that eighty per cent of all natural sounds are not on record," he explains. "My business is to furnish noises that will record over the microphone with more authenticity than the actual sounds themselves."

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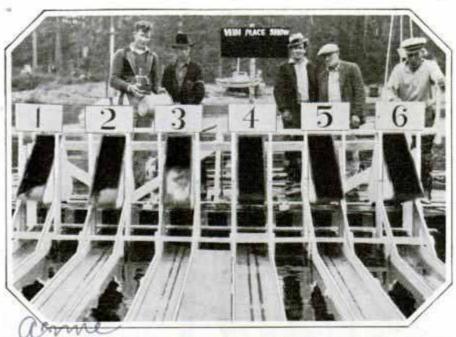
Glass Melted by Sun Rays Focused on Small Furnace



Top, Preparing Giant Lens; Bottom, Grilling Chops in Concentrated Rays of Sun; More Than a Few Seconds Exposure Burns the Chops

Concentrating the sun's rays to produce 1,100 degrees of heat, an unusual furnace invented in Spain is capable of melting glass or metal. A lens area of about thirty square feet focuses the rays in the furnace or smelter box. Wood placed in an opening of the box bursts into flame instantly. The apparatus is believed capable of enlargement to develop temperatures up to 5,000 degrees for factory operations.

## Fish Racing as Beach Sport Modeled After Dog Derby



"Race Track" for Fish Introduces Counterpart of Dog Derbies; Order of Finish Recorded by Fish Tripping Mechanism at Course's End

Swimming nose and nose down a watery "track" like greyhounds chasing a mechanical rabbit, rock cod have been used to introduce fish racing at a beach in Oregon. Six raceways filled with water run parallel down the beach, their insides painted white to give greater visibility. The starter drops the fish into chutes and turns a handle dumping them into the raceways. As they reach the end of the course each fish trips a mechanism which records the order of its finishing.

#### BAINT AND DECORATING GUIDE KEEPS EDGES CLEAN

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Paper-hanging
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trimming knife.
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protectively over
the wall paper,
you can paint

moldings panels and window sashes speedily without fear of smearing the paper or leaving uneven edges. In decorating, an entire room can be wallpapered and trimmed by laying the guide along the molding and using a sharp knife to cut all the hanging ends\_at once.

#### BICYCLE FOR WHOLE FAMILY HAS SIDE CAR FOR BABY

How to give the baby its buggy ride and keep up their sport of cycling is a problem one English family solved by attaching a side car to their tandem bicycle. The tiny passenger can ride forward or backward. Mother occupies the rear seat, behind which a leather bag is strapped

for lunch and baby's bottle. The side car is equipped with windshield, fenders and



Tandem Bicycle for Mother and Father Has Side Car Specially Equipped for Baby

## MOTORLESS CAR PEDA

Three-Wheel Auto Has Two-Speed Gear and Safety Brake

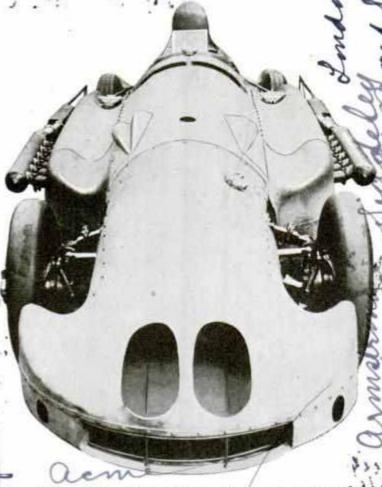
Enough to delight the heart of any boy, yet far from being a toy, a small three-wheeled car driven by pedals like a bicycle has been introduced. It is large enough for a man, but its operation is so easy that a child can handle it. The car is made in several models, from the stripped-down racer to the car equipped with streamline body, fenders, headlights, speedometer, electric horn and aircraft-type windshield. One feature of the car is a two-speed gear that facilitates operation on inclines. The steering wheel, which controls the single rear wheel of the car, is adjustable to the occupant. An over-running sprocket gives the vehicle remarkable freewheeling qualities. For safety, a self-equalizing brake is effective on two wheels. Air wheels and a long wheel base result in unusual comfort. Tests of the car show that only slight practice is neces-



Courtesy Aerocycle Company Top, Trying Out One of the Motorless Cars; Left, Stripped Down Midget Model; Note Lightweigh Frame; Steering Wheel Is Adjustable; Right, Model with Covered Sprocket and Headlamps

sary to attain speeds around twenty miles found for the car is in traveling between per hour. Designed as a sports vehicle, the various hangars and other buildings the car combines healthful outdoor exer- at airports, since its operation requires no cise and utility. One of the practical uses outlay for motor fuel.

Racer Without Clutch Seeks World Record



Front View of Front-Wheel Driven Raging Car Built without Clutch or Supercharger; Note Openings for Air

Powered by a 400-horsepower aero engine without supercharger, a new racing automobile built by Capt. George Eyston, British driver, is being pointed for a try at all existing world's speed records for long distances. Twenty-three feet long, the car has a theoretical speed of 200 miles an hour. Front-wheel drive is used, and there is no clutch, the drive being taken through a pre-selective gear box. Air vents are seen in front.

#### RUST AND SCALE PREVENTED BY ELECTRONS IN WATER

Electrons are being generated in water to remove rust and scale from boilers, ward, the speedometer is calibrated to heaters and pipes. The purging is accom- discount this motion and only the forward plished by a small glass buoy, shaped like movement is registered. an electric-light bulb, in which there is a partial vacuum and which contains three\_\_\_\_\_\_Twenty-one states now have laws reinert gases and treated mercury. Im- quiring safety glass in new autos.

mersed in water and agitated, the bulb creates a magnetic field causing free electrons to circulate. These electrons change the polarity of the oxygen in the water, preventing the formation of oxide of iron or rust. They also penetrate the metal, since rust drops off the outside of boilers once the water is treated. They break up the minute crystals in hard water which form scale on the metal, transforming them into a soft sludge easily drained away. This treatment softens wa-Ster, resulting in some cases in a saving of fifty per cent in soap. The action of the electrons is entirely physical, the chemical and alysis of the water being the same before and after treatment.

#### SPEEDOMETER FOR SKATES IS HELD IN HAND

How fast you travel on roller skates is told by a speedometer that can be attached to any skate. It clamps between the front rollers. A tube runs from the gauge to the dial which is held in the hand or fastened to the belt by a metal flap. It is operated by means of a small gear which turns a

spiral in the tube which registers the result on the dial. While a roller skate covers side distance as the foot turns out-



Speedometer for Roller Skate Can Be Held in Hand or Attached to Belt

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#### HOME FOODS PRESERVED IN TIN WITH COOKER AND SEALER

Preserving foods in tin cans right in the home kitchen is now practical. A pressure cooker that speeds the processing, and a small, easily operated can sealer that will seal as many as 170 cans an hour make canning in tin a simpler task for the housewife. Food in tin is better protected against light, and since the can is sealed before processing there is no loss of juices, flavor or color in cooking. Food is placed in the can, sealed by a turn of a crank, and the can is put in the cooker containing a cup of water. With the cooker cover securely fastened, steam is generated under five to ten pounds pressure, and in this way fruit can be canned in five minutes, vegetables in forty minutes and



Housewife Puts Tinned Foods into Pressure Cooker While Daughter Seals Tin Cans by Turn of Crank

meats in thirty to sixty minutes. Time, labor and fuel are saved. Many tin cans may be stacked in the pressure cooker and there is no danger of breakage. The increased temperature and steam pressure assure destruction of any harmful bacteria in the food. The sealer is equipped with a cutter which removes the top of the old can neatly, and reflanges the can so that it may be used again.

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Light Bombs Which Illuminate the Earth Below Enable Army Flyers to Take Night Pictures

#### BOMBS OF LIGHT HELP FLYERS GET NIGHT PICTURES

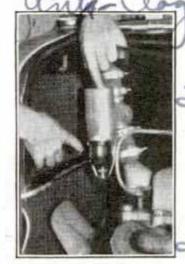
Equipped with light bombs of 5,000,000 candle power each, an army airplane stationed at March Field, California, obtains pictures of wide areas at night. The cylindrical bombs aim streams of blinding white light toward the earth and the camera, which looks like a huge hat box attached to a valise, maps the terrain below.

#### AUTO RADIATOR IS KEPT CLEAN BY RUST AND DIRT FILTER

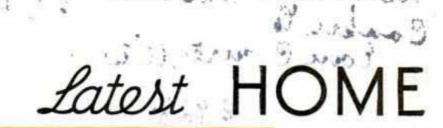
Clogging of automobile radiators with rust and scale is prevented by a water filter which arrests the sediment in the circulatory system and allows it to settle

in a glass bulb. Particles of dirt and metal scaling off the walls of the water jacket around the motor block are constantly accumulating in the cooling system and stopping up the radiator. The filter, attached to hose connections between motor block and radiator

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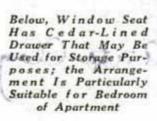


top, holds back the flow of water long enough to let the muck and rust settle into the glass container, which is easily removed for cleaning.





Left, Latest Safety
Catch for Doors
Gives Security without Marring Woodwork; It Is Controlled by Foot, as in
Picture Below, a
Flick of the Toe Setting the Locking Device or Pushing It
Out of the Way





Above, Double-Bladed Knife Cuts Bread in Even Slices; Blades Are Adjustable to Almost Any Thickness; Knife Is Useful for Cutting Meat Loaf, Ham or Cheese





Top, Transparent Top Sweeper Shows When Dustpan Needs Emptying; Steel Combs Automatically Clean Brush as Sweeper Is Used; Below, Simple Punching Device Makes as Many as Eight Holes in Can Top to Facilitate Shaking Out Lye, Kitchen Cleanser Powder, Floor Wax and Similar Substances

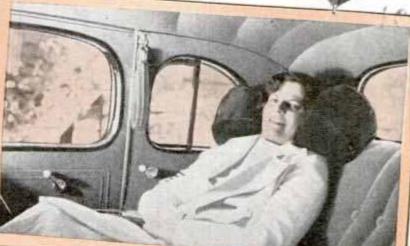




Right, Jointed Cushion, Resembling Inflated Water Wings, Adds to Comfort in Traveling; Cushions Are Made of Denim, Whipcord or Chintz and Filled with Kapok

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Two-Mile-a-Minute Monoplane Powered with Ford V-8 Motor Has Fuel Consumption of Three Gallons per Hour

#### MONOPLANE WITH AUTO ENGINE COSTS LITTLE TO OPERATE

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Constructed at a low cost, a small airplane powered by a stock Ford V-8 motor has been successfully tested. This low-wing ship, about the height of the average small automobile, is a two-seater monoplane. Its fuel consumption is approximately three gallons per hour. It has a maximum speed of 115 miles an hour and a landing speed of thirty-five miles an hour. The engine, mounted on rubber, is housed beneath a standard automobile hood with a radiator, in front of which the propeller whirls. The plane weighs 1,800 pounds and is expected to sell for as low as \$1,500, according to its builder.

## POCKET CALCULATOR IS HANDY AT ARITHMETIC PROBLEMS

Plain addition and higher mathematics are equally easy chores for a little calculator just placed on the market. It does the work of expensive calculating machines yet it is easily slipped into a coat pocket and is very simple to operate. There is

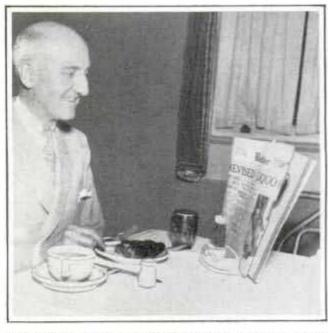


Top Figures Are for Addition, Lower Bank for Subtraction, Result Showing in Circle at Left Center

but one working parta toothed, annular number wheel. On each of the wheels, which correspond to units, tens, hundreds, etc., are two series of digits from zero to nine, the upper series being for addition and the lower for subtraction. Numbers to be added are "listed" by engaging a pencil in the teeth at the proper figures and turning the wheel toward zero until it stops. The result is shown in figures appearing in circles at the center of the calculator. It can be used as a score-keeper for bridge,

billiards, and similar games, and by using two slides, the calculator can be adapted to dividing and multiplying and also for forms of higher mathematics.

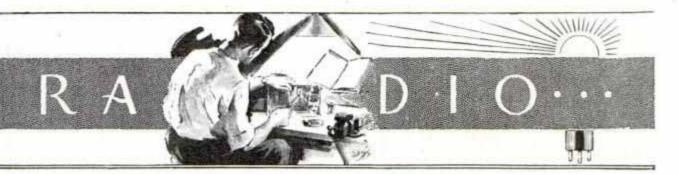
#### ASH TRAY HOLDS NEWSPAPER FOR READING AT TABLE



Glancing over the Headlines as Handy Device Holds Paper and Provides Ash Tray

For those who like to smoke and read as they eat, a combination ash tray and newspaper holder is being offered. Made of porcelain, the tray has a stump for a safety match box and a detachable ash bin, expediting cleaning.

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CONDENSER

Capacity & Leakage

**TESTER** 

By R. O. LUND

TWO valuable service instruments are combined in this condenser capacity and leakage tester which can be assembled easily by the ex-

perimenter or service man. It measures capacity in microfarads by means of a bridge and employs a neon tube leakage indicator and polarizer. Capacity measuring ranges include: .001 to .05 mfd., .01 to .5 mfd., .1 to 5 mfd., and 1 to 50 mfd. In addition, any unknown condenser, resistor or iron-cored choke may be compared with any similar known standard by use of a bridge ratio-comparison circuit.

Leakage is indicated by a neon bulb in series with a high-impedance choke. Voltage for the leakage test is obtained from the d.c. power supply of the receiver under test or from a B-power pack as desired. The bulb and choke prevent damage to low voltage electrolytic condensers. Either head phones, or an amplifier with an output meter, may be used to indicate the minimum hum position that designates the balance point of the capacity bridge.

The Thordarson foundation unit is available from all radio supply houses. All

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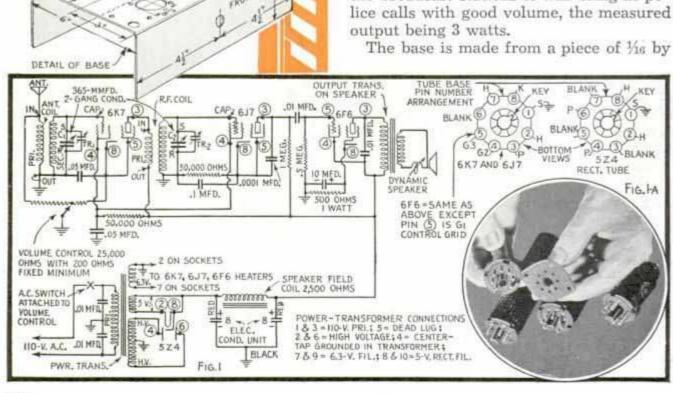
## Build this T.R.F. Four

By FRANK M. LUND

A LL-METAL tubes simplify and improve set construction, require no shielding and eliminate most of the tube noises that interfere with good reception. They employ the same filament, grid electrodes and plates as the older types but the glass tube has been replaced with a smaller metal cylinder, this can be used as a ground and does away with the use of extra shielding.

Each tube base is provided with an extension key which fits into a slotted hole in the center of the socket. Only one type of socket is required, this a new standardized 8-prong variety simplifies the identification of the various leads.

The low-cost tuned r.f. receiver described in this article, employs four of these all-metal tubes in a simple and highly efficient circuit that anyone can assemble with few tools. Although very compact and easy to build, it includes a dynamic speaker, standard high-gain Litz coils, power detection, and has a range of from 1,000 to 2,000 miles. In addition to the broadcast stations it will bring in police calls with good volume, the measured output being 3 watts.



# with ALL-METAL TUBES

9 by 11-in, sheet metal, drilled and bent as detailed in the sketch. A General, type 6619 power transformer, the terminal connections of which are numbered and listed in Fig. 1, has a high-voltage secondary winding of 700 volts, center-tapped, 350 volts each side of center.

Diagrams of the tube-base pin-numbering arrangement are given in Fig. 1-A. Looking at the base of each tube in the position shown, the No. 1 pin is always at the right of the guide ridge on the key. A simplified wiring diagram showing all connections under the base, is given in Fig. 2. This underside view shows the sockets numbered to correspond with the tube pins. The tubes vary in the number of pins according to type, the missing pins are shown blank on the sockets.

A complete list of materials can be obtained upon application without charge. Keep all leads as short and direct as possible. Any midget cabinet, with 5-in. speaker grill, can be used to house the set. An enlarged blueprint of all diagrams is

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UNDERSIDE VIEW OF BASE

= GROUND TO BASE

TO ANTENNA COIL

TO OUTPUT SPEAKER

FIG. 2

TUBE NOTE. No.1 = TUBE SHELL

AND GROUND

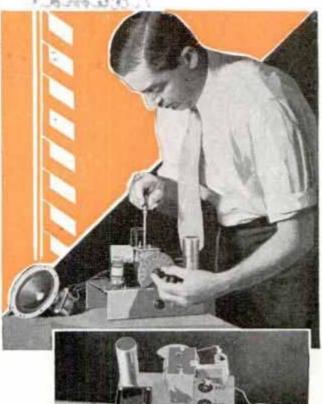
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ANTENNA COIL

ON TOP OF CHA5515

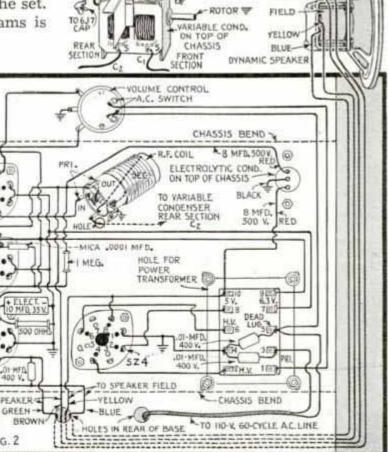
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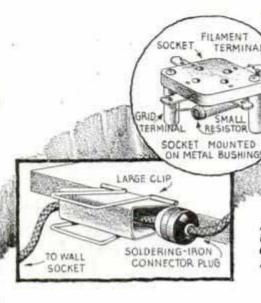
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# Easy Solutions for Common Radio Problems

Left, Inexpensive Cathode Ray Oscilloscope, Designed for Amateurs and Experimenters, Provides a Visual and Accurate Means for Checking the Performance of Radio Circuits; Although of Simplified Type, It Will Do Practically Everything That More Complicated Instruments Are Capable of Doing; Entirely Self-Contained, the Power-Supply and Control Devices, Indicated in the Schematic Diagram Below, Are Built-In; a Cylindrical Metal Shield Is Provided for the Type-906 Cathode-Ray Tube; the Life of This 3-In. Tube Is About 1,000 Hours if Operated Carefully and Not Subjected to Overloads



Above, Brass Angle Strip Used for Making Shield Can; Left, Grid-Leak Mounting Hint for S-W Receivers

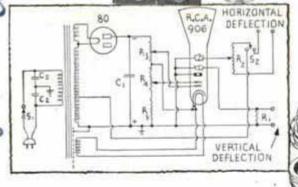
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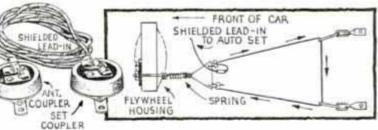
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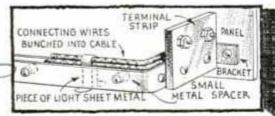
Above, an Extra Large Paper Clip Makes a Handy Table Clamp for Supporting the Weight of a Long Electric Soldering-Iron Cord; Service Men and Experimenters Working at a Distance from a Wall Socket Frequently Find it Necessary to Use a Long Connector Cord the Weight of Which, if Not Supported, Usually Pulls the Iron from Its Stand



Below, Metal Strips Provide a Means for Bunching Connecting Leads without the Usual Lacing Which Requires Time to Remove and Re-Lace When Making Changes



Noise-Free Under-Chassis Antenna Kit, for Coupe or Metal-Top Car; Includes Shielded Lead-In and Coupling Transformers



Right, Compact, Long-Life A and B-Batteries for Portable Receivers and Transceivers; Two of the Small A-Batteries, Connected in Series, Supply 3-Volts with an Average Service Life of 40 Watt Hours; the Voltage Adjuster, Shown Above, Is Used to Reduce the A-Battery Voltage to a Safe Value for 2-Volt Tubes



SIMPLE TRANSMITTER

Covers Three Bands •

By R. E. DAVY

A LTHOUGH small in size, this transmitter packs a real wallop; operated in Chicago, it has been reported heard in South Africa. It includes many desirable features which will appeal to both the beginner and experienced amateur.

A.C. operated throughout, no batteries of any kind are required; the power supply is built-in, therefore it can be set up quickly in any location where 110-volt 60-cycle current is available. No neutralizing is necessary as the

new R.C.A. type-802 screen-grid pentode tubes are used in all stages.

Two sets of plugin coils and two crystals provide for operation on either 80 and 40-meters or 40 and 20 meters. The antennamatching network,



schematic diagram, Fig. 1, is optional, however, this network enables the builder to use almost any type of "skywire" with good results. The inductances L<sub>4</sub> and condensers C<sub>4</sub> and C<sub>5</sub>, are assembled

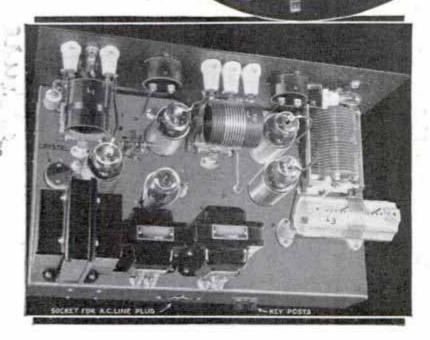
on a separate 8 by 21-in. bakelite panel and mounted above the transmitter as shown in the

upper photo.

The 40-20 meter coils are shown in chassis assembly in the lower photo and the 80-40-meter coils above. Although designed for key, the final stage may be plate modulated for phone use if desired. Any public-address amplifier, having an output of from 15 to 30 watts to a 500-ohm line, may be used with the special Thordarson modulation transformer T-7352 shown in Fig. 1. Suitable amplifiers were described in the February and October, 1934, issues.

Both filter chokes, the power transformer and variable condensers are mounted on top of a heavy-gauge eraydo-metal base 20½ in. long, 12½ in. wide and

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POPULAN MECHANICS

Kit of Colors for Painting Dial Lights



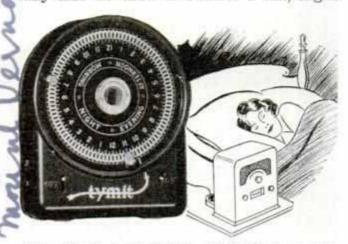


Pilot Lights Painted to Match Colored Wave-Band Sections on All-Wave Receiver Dials

Now you can paint your dial lights to match the colored tuning-dial sections in the new all-wave receivers. The kit consists of four small bottles of color and one of solvent. Many sets employ several miniature bulbs which are automatically lighted as the receiver is switched from one band to another.

#### Switching Control for Radio Receivers

This automatic switching control will turn your set off after you are asleep and on at the right time to wake you up in the morning or when a favorite program comes on that you do not want to miss. It may also be used to control a fan, night

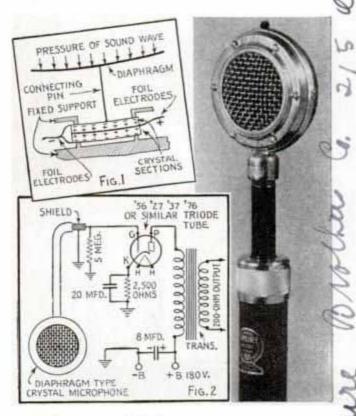


Automatic Timing Switch Can Be Set to Control the Operation of Radio Set or Any Electric Device

lights, electric refrigerator, heater or similar electrically-operated apparatus in the home. It has two pointers which can be set for start and stop at any given time. The unit is simply connected between the wall socket and the device to be controlled.

#### Rochelle Salt Crystals Used in Microphone

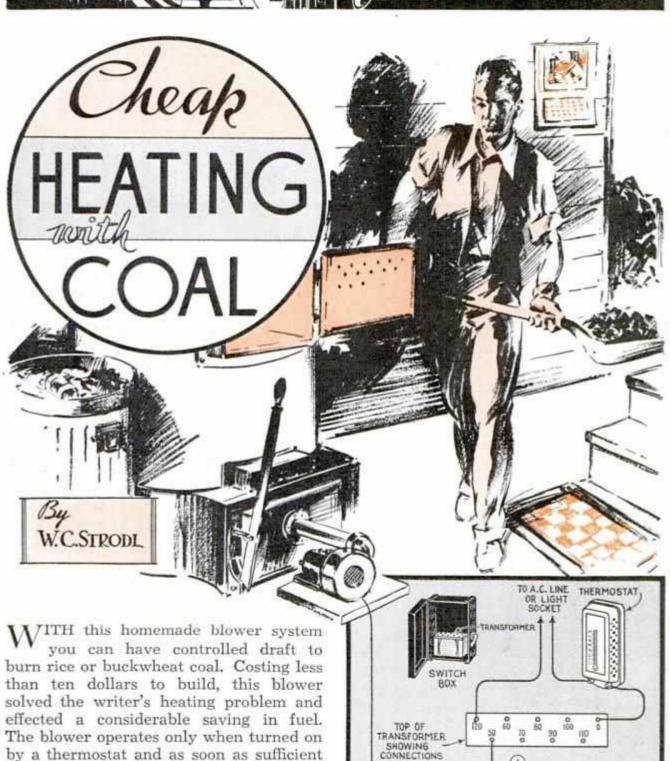
Some substances develop electric charges when subjected to pressure, rochelle salt crystals displaying the effect to a high degree. This "Piezo-electric" effect is now used to good advantage in modern microphones. Two thin sections of crystal, cut in proper relation to the electric axes, are cemented together with suitable foil electrodes as shown in Fig. 1. The diaphragm is subjected to pressure by the



sound waves and this pressure is in turn transmitted to the crystal unit through the connecting pin. These varying sound waves are converted by the crystals into corresponding electric currents. Fig. 2 is a single-stage pre-amplifier hook-up for use with the diaphragm-type crystal microphone shown in the photo.

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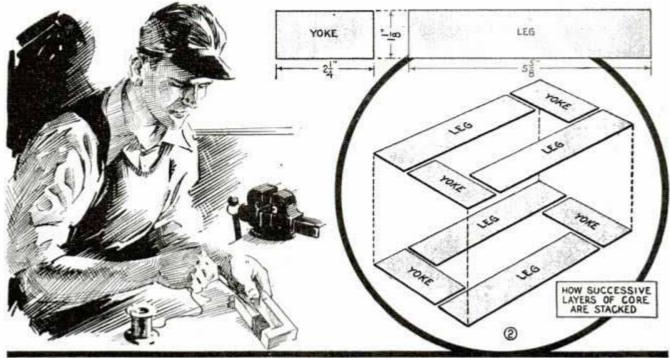
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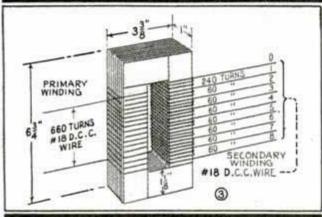
transformer is connected to the blower to

hold it at a moderately slow speed. This

adjustment is variable, depending on the furnace; it avoids too rapid fuel combus-

BE CONNECTED





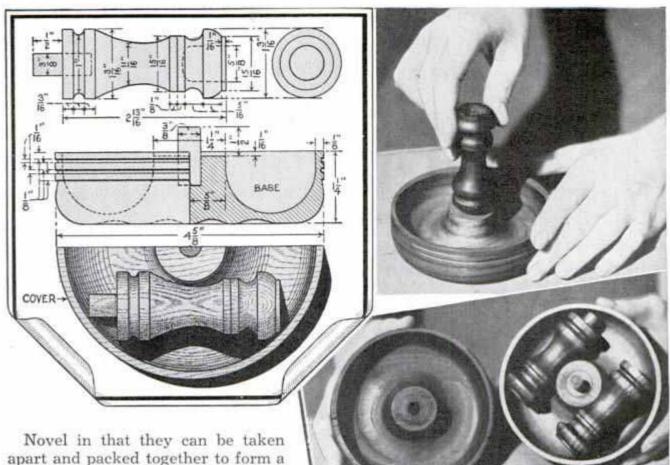
tion, saves electric current and prevents the noise of a motor running at full speed.

By shopping around you can pick up a serviceable second-hand vacuum cleaner without bag or handle. Remove the floor suction part, which exposes an opening through which air is drawn in. It is a good idea to solder a screen over this opening to prevent objects from entering which might damage the fan blade. The blower is then mounted on a wood block and, if desired, a sheet-metal housing can be built around it. This housing should have a hole at the point where the blower draws in air and another where the air is forced The latter hole should be large enough to take a length of auto-radiator hose, which is clamped to the blower exhaust in the same way as the vacuumcleaner bag. The other end of the hose is inserted through a hole in the ash-pit door, or is slipped over a short length of pipe which projects through this door. If the latter method is used, a pipe flange is bolted over the opening in the door to hold the pipe. In case you do not wish to drill a hole in the door, simply remove it and substitute a piece of sheet metal or flat iron. Next, it is necessary to seal all cracks in the ash pit so that the only entrance of air is through the blower. This can be done by calking with any heat-resisting cement.

The transformer is built according to the information furnished in Figs. 2 and 3. Note that the secondary winding has a number of taps, numbered from 0 to 8 in Fig. 3. These taps are connected to binding posts on a small Bakelite strip, Fig. 1, which makes it easy to vary the connection of the blower leads. This strip can be mounted right on the transformer. Flexible armored cable should be used from the transformer to the blower and also to the thermostat. The wiring from the a.c. line to the transformer is also shown in Fig. 1.

I have found it unnecessary to change the grates for burning rice or buckwheat coal. Simply leave a bed of ashes on the grates and then build the fire in the usual way. After the paper and wood kindling have been ignited, add the coal, little by little until a good fire is obtained. Then throw the coal in a heap at the back of the fire box, being sure to leave a small opening of live coals at the front to permit the escape of gas. This arrangement will feed the fire by sliding down as the coal burns.

### Self-Inclosed Candlesticks Make Novel Gifts



Novel in that they can be taken apart and packed together to form a small circular box, these candlesticks, turned from different kinds of rare woods, make ideal bridge prizes or Christmas gifts. Both bases are turned to the same shape and size, the only difference being that one is provided with a short dowel in the center while the other has a hole to take the dowel when both

bases are pressed together to form the box. The vertical candle holders are placed inside, as can be seen from the photo. When in use, they fit on the bases, the dowels and dowel holes all being the same size.

#### How to Locate a "Treed" Raccoon

Raccoon hunting is one of the most enjoyable of all autumn sports. However, to be a successful raccoon hunter, there are a few requirements that must be understood and practiced. The experienced coon hunter first makes sure which tree the dog has chosen. Then he inspects it carefully for hollow places, and, if none are found, he examines the near-by trees. If any of these are leaning over into the branches of the one at which the dog is barking, there is a chance that the game might have run out on this tree and into one of the others. But if the tree stands alone, you may be fairly certain that the game is somewhere in it. The next step is to pick out a point of vantage from where you can observe as much of the top as possible. Slowly walking about the tree and surveying the top branches, go over every possible bit of the game's concealment with a powerful flashlight or lantern held above your head. A faint, greenish pair of eyes will be discovered in the tree reflecting the light.

When your baby is learning to walk, put a strip of adhesive tape on each shoe sole and it will be less likely to slip on polished floors.



Inflated Toy Balloon Coated with Rosin and Rubbed with Rubber-Band Bow Is a Good Noise-Maker

#### Balloon Fiddle for Halloween Played with Rubber Band

A "sausage" type balloon serves as the fiddle which is played by means of a stout rubber band stretched taut on a simple wire frame or bow. Pulverized rosin is rubbed over the surface of the balloon and on the rubber band to provide the necessary friction. Variations of pitch are obtained by squeezing or releasing pressure of the hand on the balloon.

#### Ash Dust Is Carried Up Chimney

To avoid raising a dust in your basement when cleaning the furnace ash pit, try the method used by one home owner. He installed an iron door in the chimney near the floor, and keeps the ash container

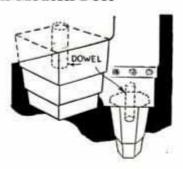


setting just under it. When he cleans the furnace, each shovelful of ashes is carried and dumped into the container, the resulting dust passing up the chimney through the open door. In making the opening in the chimney

for the latter, be sure that the bottom is just about flush with the top of the container. In addition to the above, the door may be used to regulate the chimney draft on warm days of the spring and fall.

#### Old Period Furniture Brought Up to Date with Modern Feet

If you have some old furniture having presentable upholstery, and you wish to bring it into keeping with modern furniture, this can be done by saw-



ing off the curved feet and substituting new ones of modern design. Square, hexagonal or octagonal feet of plain taper or set-back style will be found attractive, and can be glued in place with large dowels.

#### **Ejecting Letters from Pigeonholes**

To avoid difficulty in withdrawing packets of letters from the pigeonhole of a desk, force a thumb tack into the edge of the wood just above the center of the



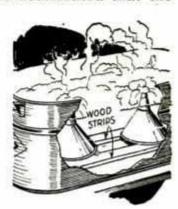
opening, attach one end of a stout string to the tack and tie a small ring to the opposite end. When the packets of letters and papers are replaced in the pigeonhole, the string is pushed behind them as

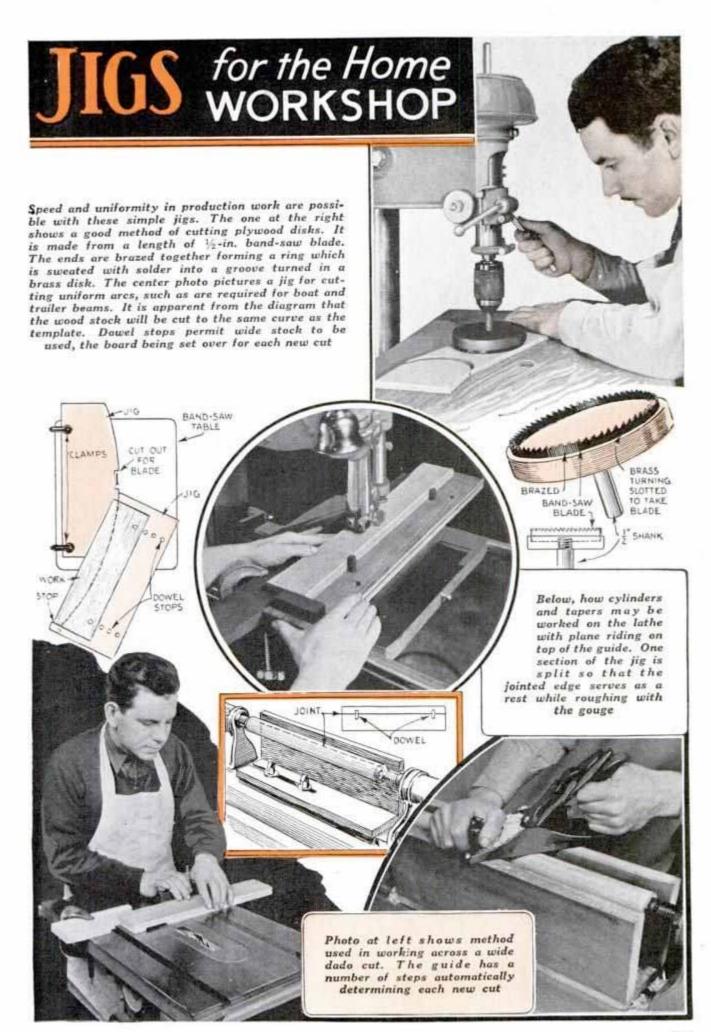
shown in the illustration, so that a pull on the ring will draw them forth.

#### Tin Funnels in Washboiler Reduce Time of Boiling Clothes

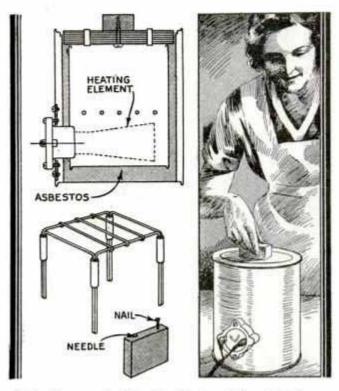
If a couple of tin funnels are placed, spout up, in a washboiler before the clothes are placed in it, the circulation of the water will be so accelerated that the

work may be done much sooner than in the usual manner. The formation of steam within the funnels drives the water up through the clothes in an almost continuous stream.





#### Homemade Electric Cooker Is Well Insulated



This Homemade Electric Cooker Bakes Potatoes, Heats Canned Foods and Cooks Eggs

This cheap electric cooker will handle two large potatoes or it may be used for heating canned goods and for cooking eggs. It is made from two containers—a 1-lb. tobacco can, which fits inside of a 1-gal. can. A tin cylinder divides the space between them into two equal parts, the space next to the smaller can being filled with shredded asbestos. A porcelain receptacle is fitted in one side of the assembly to take a heating element, which consists of 25 ft. of No. 28 Nichrome wire. This is wound tightly on a small rod, and then removed, stretched slightly and slipped over the porcelain core of a coneshaped heater element from which the wire has been removed. Providing a lid of several layers of asbestos paper and a wire rack to hold food above the heating element, completes the job.—John D. Adams, Glendale, Calif.

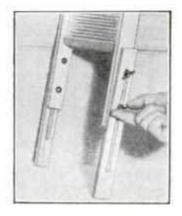
#### Speedy Ice-Box Defrosting

Instead of turning off the electricity to defrost your refrigerator, try the following method which is faster and keeps the contents of the box from warming up. This method consists of removing the icecube trays, filling them with boiling water, and putting them back in the cooling coil. During this operation the current should be turned off. For the average ice accumulation one filling of boiling water left in the trays for ten minutes will do a complete defrosting job.

#### Extension Legs on Wash Board

The tiresome job of using a wash board in a low tub or in the kitchen sink may be

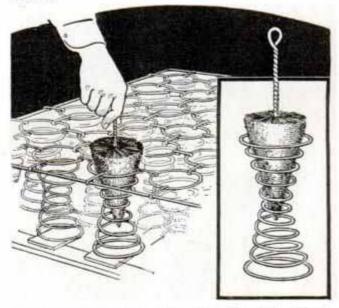
made easier if two adjustable extension legs are provided to raise the board to a comfortable height. The legs should be about 15 in long, and are slotted lengthwise in the center to slide over bolts which are attached to the



board. Wing nuts on the bolts make it easy to change the adjustment.—Leonard Mitchell, San Francisco, Calif.

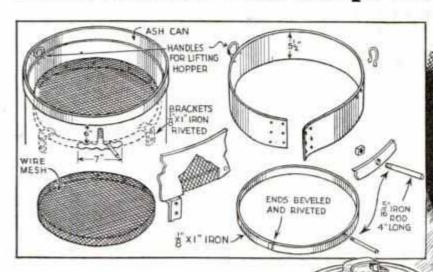
#### **Bottle Brush to Clean Bed Springs**

Coil springs of beds are usually cleaned and dusted with a cloth but the unprotected ends of the springs and cross-wires make this method difficult and unsatisfactory as the cloth will frequently snag and tear. If a tapered bottle brush is used for this purpose, the work may be done much faster.



Bottle Brush Is Much Better Than Cloth for Cleaning Coils of Bed Springs

## Sifter in Ash Can Keeps the Dust Confined



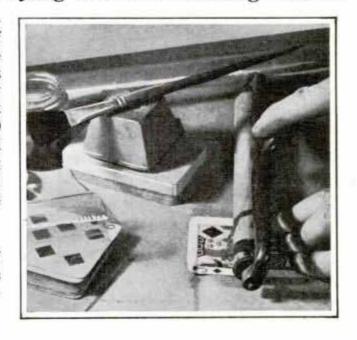
Consisting of a simple metal hopper that fits in your ash can, this sifter takes up no additional room in the basement and keeps practically all the dust in the can. All you need is a small piece of heavy galvanized iron, a piece of screen of the grade known as hardware cloth, a few small rivets and a short length of ½ by 1-in. flat iron. The last should be long enough to form a ring inside the can as shown. The illustrations give you the essential

details on how to proceed with the construction of the hopper and also show how it works. The completed hopper should be of such diameter that it will move freely on the supporting brackets. The size of the screen mesh depends on what grade of fuel you are using. A %-in. mesh is a suitable average size.

## "Cellophane" Gives Your Playing Cards a Lasting Finish

Plain or colored Cellophane can be cemented permanently to the surface of playing cards, giving them much of the durability of celluloid. The transparent cement used for this purpose is made by dissolving gum arabic in water to a thick consistency, after which glycerine, 10 drops, and formaldehyde, 1 drop, is added for each ounce of mixture. After applying the cement, squeeze out all surplus with a roller and trim the edges. Then place the cards under a weight to dry.

(By moistening the buttonholes of starched clothing on the inside, buttons may be inserted without soiling or crumpling the cloth surrounding the holes.



## MODERN LINES for the

Covering for the frame consists of %-in. stock molded as shown in Figs. 2, 3 and 4. This is a stock molding made with cutters usually supplied for the small circular saw. An alternate method of construction would be to use half-round stock molding. Hot water applied to the back of the wood molding, or heat applied to the composition board, will permit the bending of the stock. The covering, in any case, should be well fastened,

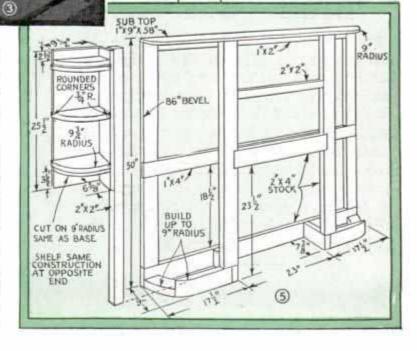
using finishing nails. Figs. 7 and 8 show the construction of the top. This follows standard practice, with the ends of the facing strip cut down to 1/16 in, thick in order to permit bending to the end curve. The molding cutter is again used to round the edges of both the top and bottom pieces as shown in Fig. 9. The central portion of the under board can be cut out and used in the con-

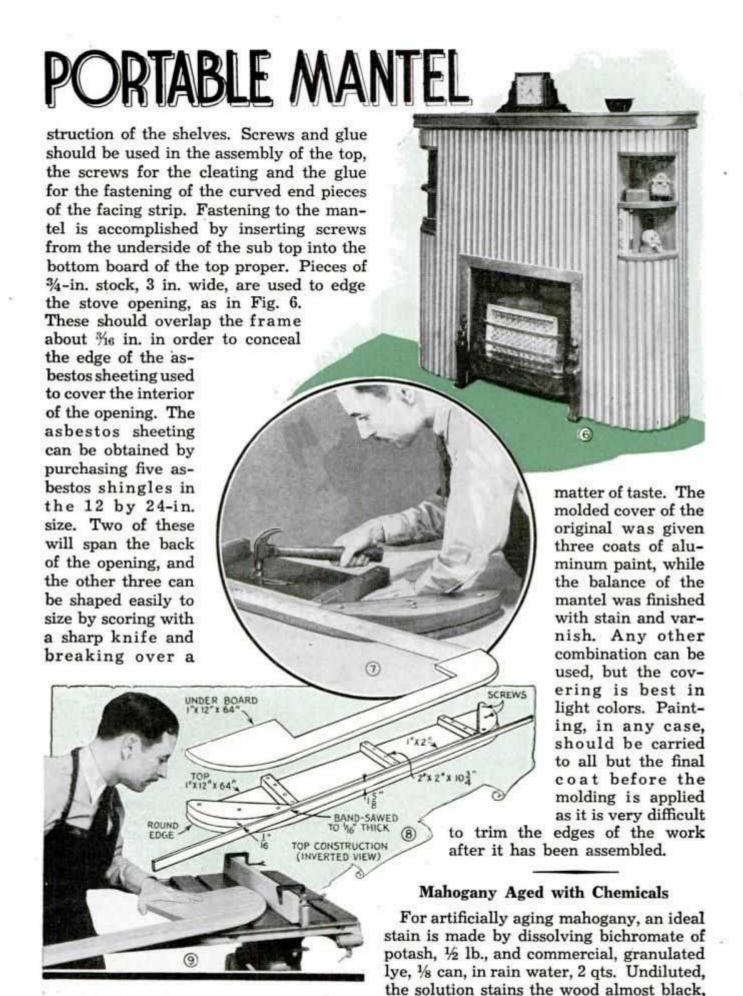
THE portable mantel offers a ready solution in making the installation of auxiliary gas heaters attractive and in harmony with the rest of the room. This unit can be backed against any suitable wall space, and can be

used without flue connections by using the modern self-ventilating burners. The construction is all wood with the exception of the stove opening which is lined with sheet asbestos. It is worthy of mention

that the wood construction is perfectly satisfactory as the wood itself is never subjected to the direct heat of the stove, the rays being projected more or less forward and away from the mantel.

Start construction by making the frame, Figs. 1 and 5. The ends of the base are sawed to carry out a 9-in. radius, and the rear upright at each end is beveled at 86° to blend with this curve. The corner shelves are built of 1-in. stock, the shelves proper having a 34-in. overlap beyond the 9-in. radius used for the landing pieces.



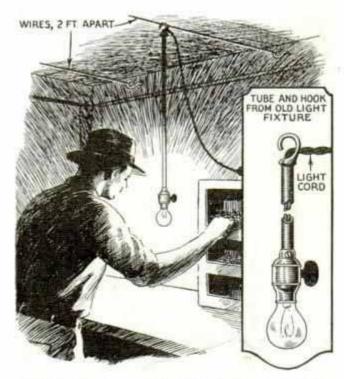


straight edge. The sheeting can be drilled easily to take screw fastenings.

The finishing of the mantel is largely a

but it can be mixed with more water to get the lighter shades. After applying,

bring out the color with oil or wood filler.



Wires Stretched Overhead in Workshop to Make Light Adjustable above Any Tool or Machine

#### Overhead Wires Give Shop Light Wide Range

By stretching wires across the ceiling of your workshop or garage, about 2 ft. apart, a light fixture with a hook on the end can be hung conveniently in almost any part of the shop. It is best to provide a few outlets at various points so you will not need a long cumbersome cord.

#### Bell Jar Has Many Uses

A bell jar comes in handy for a number of uses, such as covering small microscopes, pots of seeds where a high temperature and humidity are needed, and for covering small stuffed birds, etc. To

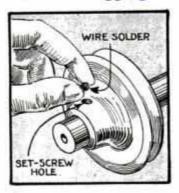


make the jar, get a glass jug and cut off the bottom. This can be done by scratching a line around the outside of the jug where it is to be broken off with a glass cutter or file. Tapping the bottom gently will usually result in a clean fracture. after which the edge should be

ground down so that the resulting bell fits closely against a smooth surface. For a close-fitting job, the edge is dipped in melted paraffin and the mouth of the bottle is corked tightly. If the jar is used to cover seeds and the temperature must be checked, drive a screw eye into the bottom of the cork to hold a thermometer.

#### Solder Keeps Pulley from Slipping

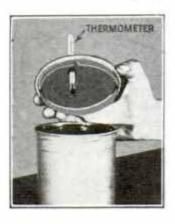
When a small set screw in a pulley allows it to slip on the shaft and the screw cannot be tightened to hold it, cut a thin slice from the end of a piece of wire solder and drop this



in the set-screw hole. When the screw is tightened against the solder, it is squeezed down into all irregularities on the shaft surface. Also, the solder covers more contact surface and thus increases friction.

#### Using a Thermometer to Check Your Photo-Developing Fluid

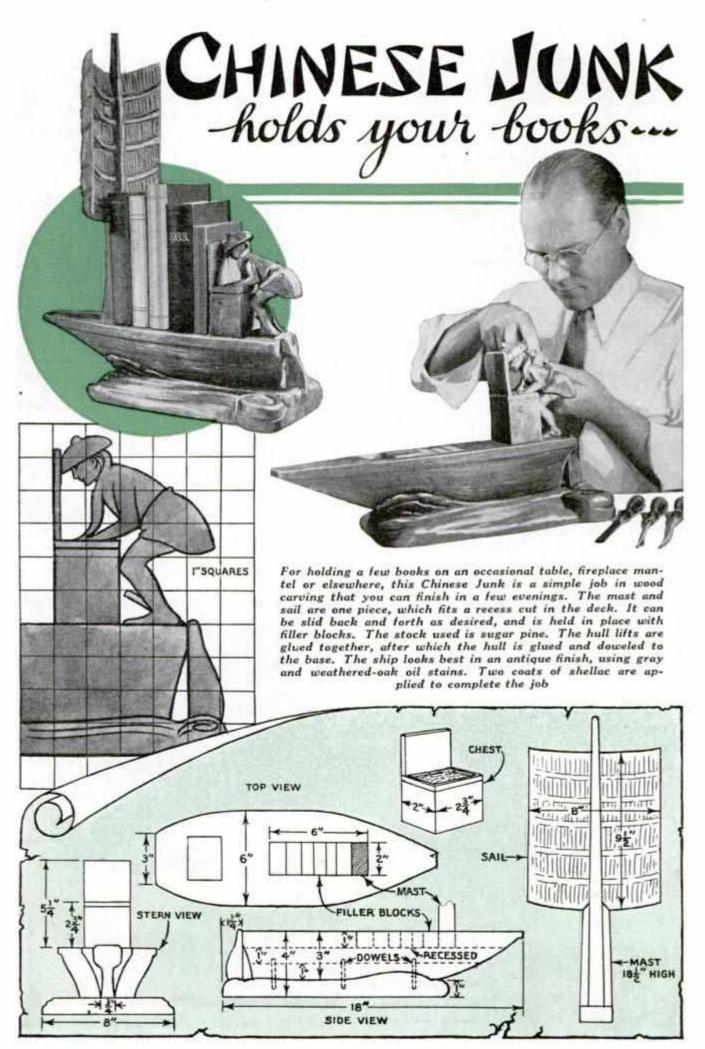
Amateur photographers who have difficulty in keeping their photo-developing solutions at the correct temperatures, will find that a thermometer installed in the lid of the developing tank enables them to



keep a constant check. The hole to take the thermometer should be drilled near the edge of the lid so that the lower end of the instrument will not touch the negatives being developed, and a short rubber bushing should be

provided to make a tight seal around the hole and exclude all light.

Willow furniture may be cleaned by brushing it with a strong solution of salt and water, after which it is wiped with a soft, dry cloth. Also, the solution prevents the furniture from becoming yellow.



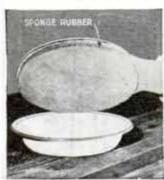
#### Tires for Coaster Wagons Made from Inner Tubes



Old Inner Tube Rolled Tightly and Stretched over Rim Makes Good Tire for Coaster Wagon

Here is an inexpensive method of making tires for coaster wagons, tricycles, baby carriages, etc. Get an old inner tube that has plenty of life and stretch and is of a diameter just slightly smaller than that of the wheel for which the tire is to be made. Cut off a section 8 or 10 in, long and stretch this over a can or other cylindrical-shaped form, first coating the outside and inside of the tube with rubber cement. After this has dried, roll the tube tightly and your tire is ready for mounting. Coat the wheel rim with bicycle-tire cement. Start mounting the tire at the bottom of the rim, using wire to hold it until it is stretched over the rim. Be sure that the lap of your tire is placed next to the rim.

#### Tray Covers to Protect Films While Developing Them

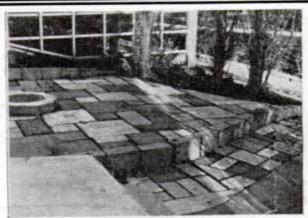


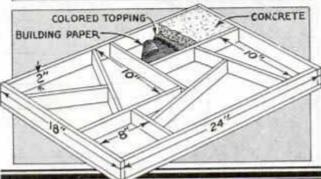
When working with super-sensitive panchromatic films, tray covers, which will effectively prevent light from reaching the negatives, should be used. These can be made

by gluing pieces of sponge rubber to plywood disks, which are cut slightly larger than the diameter of the tray. If desired, handles may be provided for the disks. The latter should be shellacked before applying the rubber so that the whole can be washed without warping the wood.

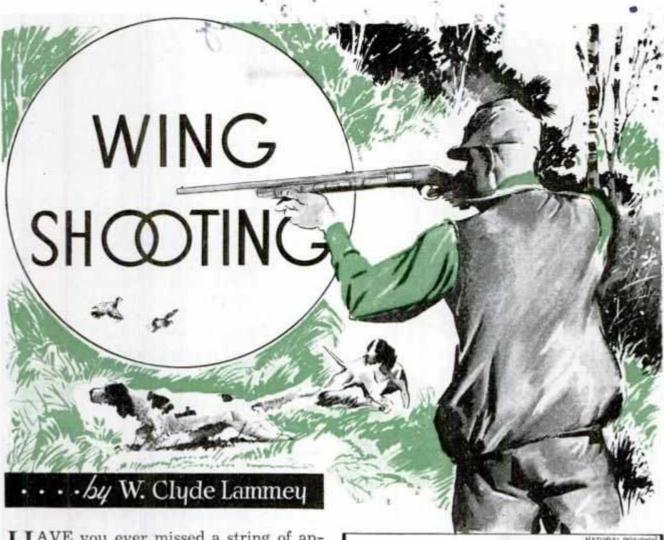
#### Making Concrete Flagstones Resemble Real Stones

Concrete flagstones can be given the appearance of stone by placing cheap building paper in the bottom of the forms before pouring the mixture. Moisture in the concrete causes the paper to wrinkle, thus leaving impressions in the surface of the finished work. It is best to first pour into the forms a topping mixture to a depth of about % in. This is allowed to stand for 15 min, to give the paper time to wrinkle, after which the remainder of the concrete is poured. The topping may be colored if desired, shades of tan, brown, green, red, white and black being quite effective together. The flagstones are cast face down in wood forms like the one shown, and are removed as soon as the concrete has set. They should be kept moist for several days.





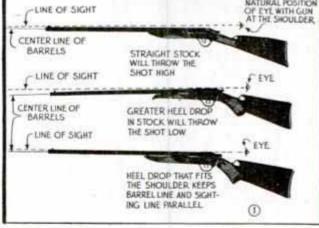
Paper Placed in the Bottom of Forms to Give New Concrete Flagstones Appearance of Stone



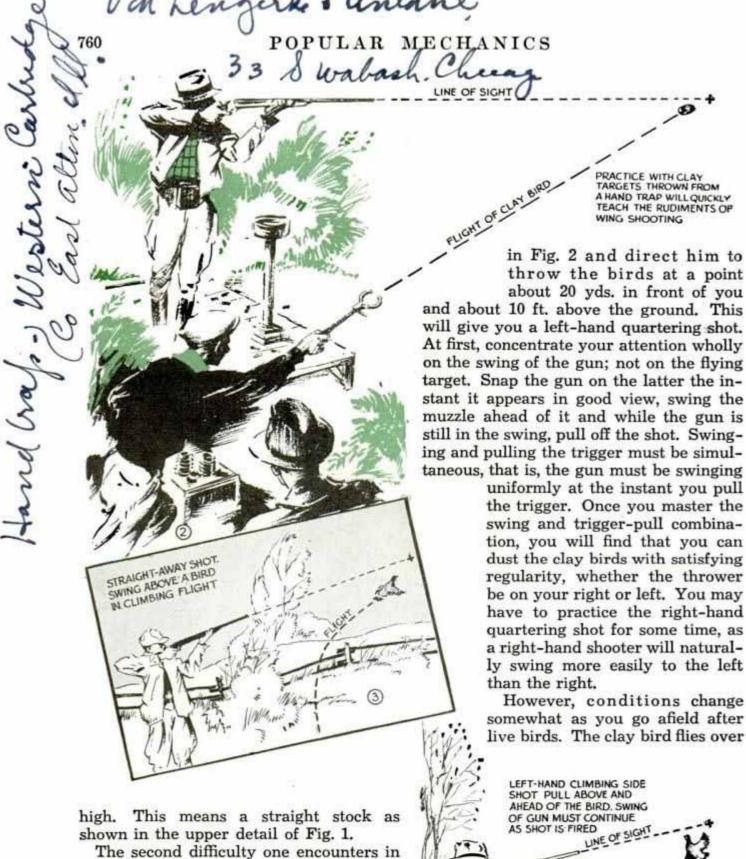
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HAVE you ever missed a string of apparently easy shots at pheasant or quail or any other fast-flying game birds and afterward wondered why? Examination at the time proved the gun to be right mechanically and a trial round fired at a large piece of paper showed a shot pattern of uniform spread and density, yet in the field the birds you shot at, and tried your best to bag, flew away untouched.

When one misses consistently the trouble is generally in the fit of the gunstock. Look carefully at the drawings in Fig. 1, then take up your gun, throw it quickly to the shoulder and let the cheek fall naturally on the stock in the normal shooting position. If your eye catches the front sight along a line passing above the breech of the gun, the weapon will throw the charge high with relation to the line of sight. If the breech of the gun obscures your view of the front sight with the eye in a natural position the gun will shoot low. These varying conditions do not in any sense imply faulty manufacture of the weapon, as shotguns are regularly made with variations in the heel drop and length and shape of the stock. It does

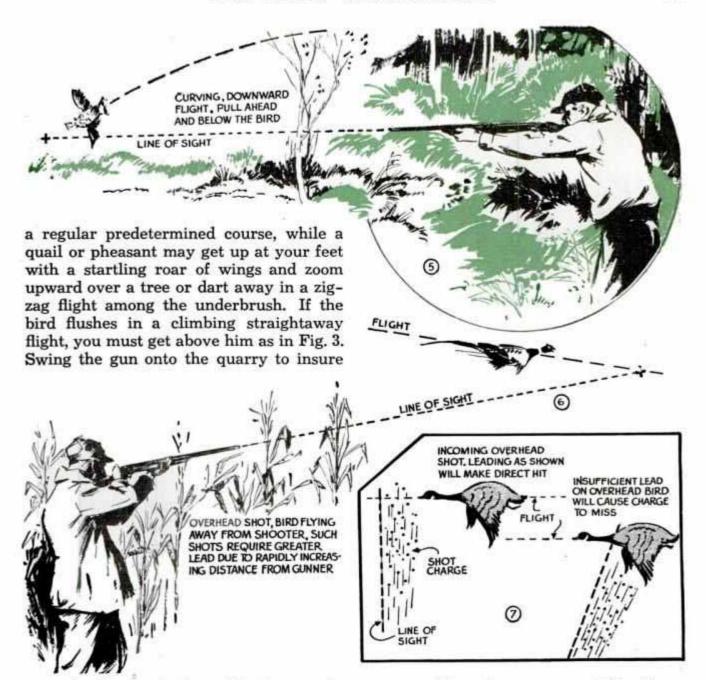


mean that if you note either of these conditions the gun you have in hand does not properly fit you individually. In the first instance you can easily remedy the trouble by fitting the gun with a spongerubber recoil pad which will increase the length of the stock about ¾ in. In the second case a cheek pad laced to the stock will raise your eye sufficiently to bring the front sight into view. These alterations are inexpensive and rarely fail to correct your aim. Many expert wing shots prefer to have the gun throw the charge



shooting at moving game is the tendency to stop the swing of the gun at the instant the shot is fired. This fault is most troublesome to overcome, one reason being that the movements necessary to get off a shot before the game disappears or is out of range must be made so quickly that one cannot remember distinctly just what was done. Clay birds thrown from a hand trap offer the one sure remedy for this fault. Get a friend to throw the birds, and at the first trial have him take the position shown

LEFT-HAND CLIMBING SIDE
SHOT PULL ABOVE AND
AHEAD OF THE BIRD, SWING
OF GUN MUST CONTINUE
AS SHOT IS FIRED
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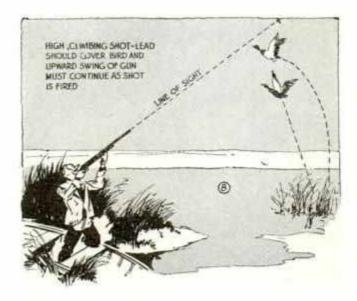


correct alinement, then lift the muzzle quickly and fire the shot. If the bird is getting away in a slow climb, the gun barrels need only cover him to give the proper lead, but if he is rising high over trees or high bushes you will need to get well above him to score a hit. This is one of the most difficult shots at a bird on the wing, for the shooter must judge instantly just how far to lead without foreknowledge of what the bird will do in the next split second.

A much easier shot is shown in Fig. 4. Here the bird flushes from cover at your right and crosses in front of you. Scoring a hit is simply a matter of correctly timing the swing to give the necessary lead as the bird is in full view. In taking a shot like this, it is well to remember that the lead is always greater than it appears over

your gun barrels, more especially if you are shooting a double gun. The tiny bead of your front sight will cover a space equal to a good 5 in. at a distance of 35 yds. from the gun, and the width of the barrels covers nearly 3 ft. at the same distance with your eye in the normal aiming position. However, there are two common shots, shown in Figs. 5 and 6, on which you are apt to underestimate the necessary lead. The first, Fig. 5, shows a bird dropping downhill in a steep, curving flight. To score, you must swing ahead and well under him. In Fig. 6 the bird has passed overhead and is making away fast. Again you must get well under and ahead of him to connect.

A charge of shot does not remain bunched together after it leaves the gun but strings out in a column 3 or 4 ft. long.



The greatest effective killing power is at the center of the column, whether headon or along the length. From Fig. 7 it will be seen that the first bird will fly directly into the center of the shot column due to proper timing of the swing. Because of insufficient lead the head of the second shot column will miss the bird. Often only a few shot strike the bird and cripple it.

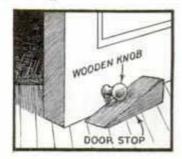
Wild ducks climbing as in Fig. 8 offer very difficult targets because the birds are likely to be curving away before you can bring your gun to bear. The trick in taking these shots is to get on the bird as quickly as possible, before it reaches the top of the rise. Snap off your shot at the instant you get the gun above the bird. You can easily practice this difficult shot with the clay birds. Have your target thrower stand some distance in front of you behind a rise of ground, somewhat to the right or left out of your line of fire, and throw the birds toward you at a high quartering angle. The clay bird will approximate the speed and maneuver of the climbing duck and will teach you quickly the trick of getting above it.

Most experts shoot with both eyes open. Anyone who does much shooting with the shotgun should acquire this habit as lead, distance and speed of the object can be judged more accurately.

Discolored bottles can often be cleaned by filling them with a solution of warm water, baking soda and potato peelings. The solution should remain in the bottles for several hours, after which they are washed and then rinsed in clear, warm water containing a little ammonia.

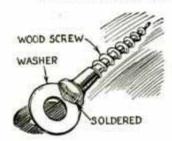
#### Wooden Knob Facilitates Use of Doorstop

If a door is hung so low that it is impossible to insert a doorstop of the wedge type beneath it, drive a wooden drawer knob into the side of the door as



shown so that the stop may be pushed under the knob. This also permits using the stop parallel to the door so that it does not extend as far as it would ordinarily.

#### Thumbscrew Quickly Improvised

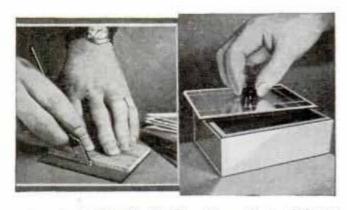


When a thumbscrew is needed and none is at hand, get a wood screw of the desired size and solder a washer vertically to the head

as shown. Use a washer that is large enough to grip easily with the fingers.

#### Novelty Box Covered with Mirrors

Anyone can make mirror-covered boxes for novelties and trinkets. First cut out the parts for your box from thin plywood or cigar-box wood. Then, using the box parts as templates, cut the mirror strips. Glue the box together and, after the glue has dried, cover the outside with the strips, cementing them in place with casein glue. The knob on the lid is attached with a drop of flexible collodion, and the bottom of the box is covered with felt.



There Is No Trick in Making Mirror-Covered Boxes if a Little Care Is Used

#### **Emergency Wrench for Light Work**

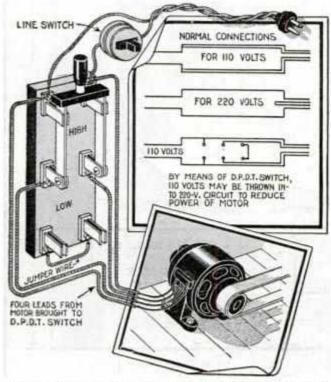


When a small wrench is needed to tighten small nuts, and none is available, a suitable tool may be improvised by folding a strip of heavy tin and clipping the end with a pair of shears. The center

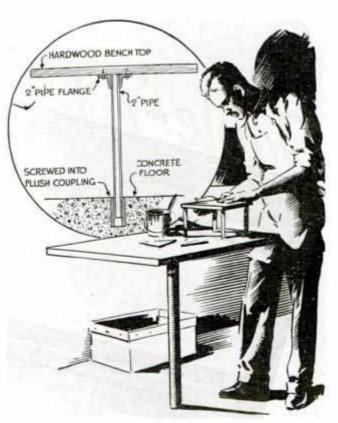
tongue of the clipped end is then bent back to leave a space gauged to fit the nut.

#### Simple Switch to Reduce Speed of Electric Motors

By means of a double-pole, double-throw switch the power of a single phase, a.c. 110-220-volt motor may be controlled in two steps. The four leads from the motor are carried to the switch and connected to the terminals as shown. When the switch is thrown to the "high" side, the 110-volt line current runs through the normal windings for 110 volts, and the motor develops its full horse power. However, when the switch is thrown to the "low" side, the line current is sent through the 220-volt windings with a resultant reduction in power and speed under load.



Double-Pole, Double-Throw Switch Wired to Reduce Power and Speed of Single-Phase Electric Motor



Light Tables and Workbenches That You Can Remove Easily and Store When Not in Use

#### Portable Tables and Workbenches

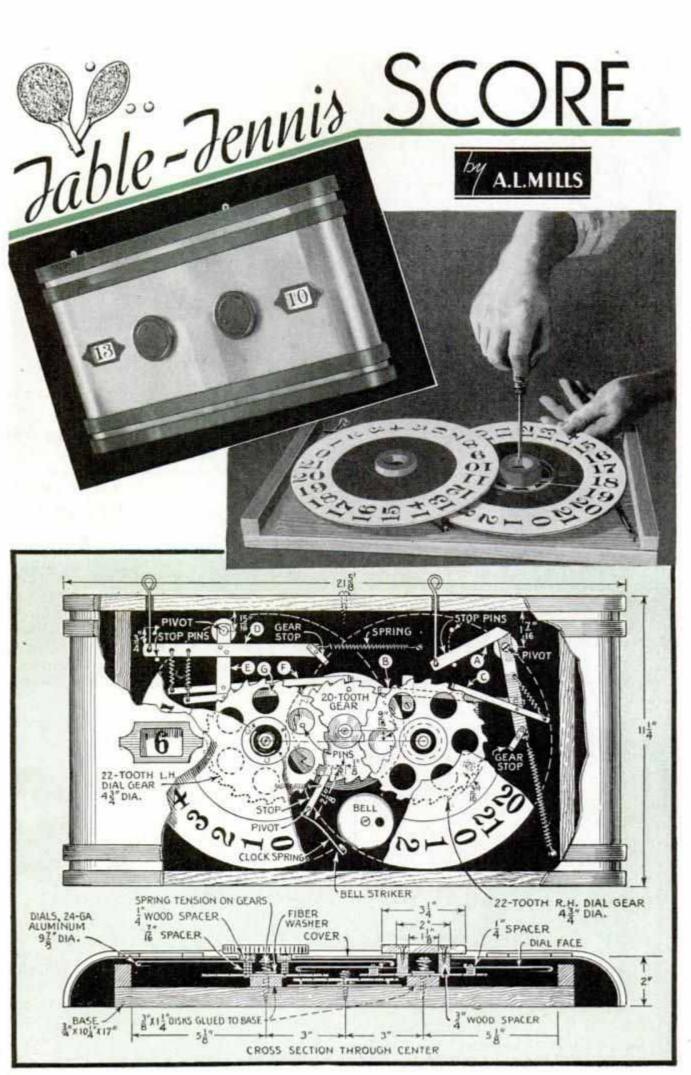
Portable tables and light workbenches made by attaching a pipe standard to hardwood bench or table tops, come in handy in shops, outdoor restaurants and similar places. The standards are attached to the tops by means of pipe flanges and are screwed into couplings set flush in the floor. When the tables are not in use, the couplings are capped with flat fittings.

#### Piece of Wire Cable for Stippling Designs in Wood

The next time you want to stipple a design in wood get a short piece of wire cable, bind it with wire to prevent unraveling, and then square the ends with a file or grinding wheel.

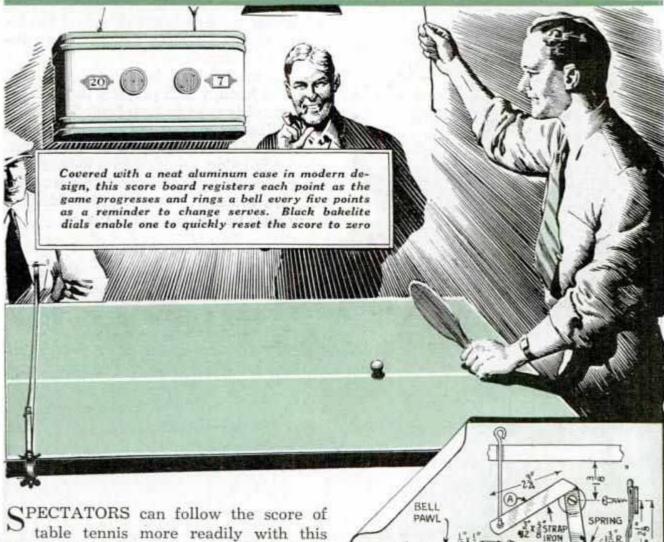


When the cable is set on the work and tapped with a hammer, the small wires will make a number of closely-spaced impressions in the wood. As cable can be had in many different sizes, the coarseness or fineness of the stipple can be varied.



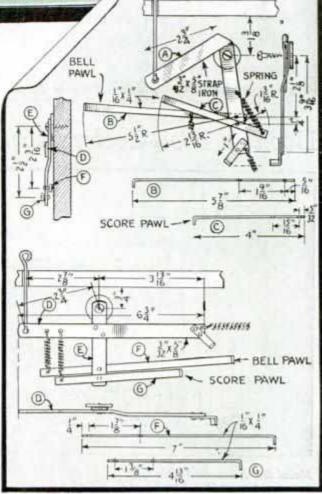
# BOARD Rings Bell

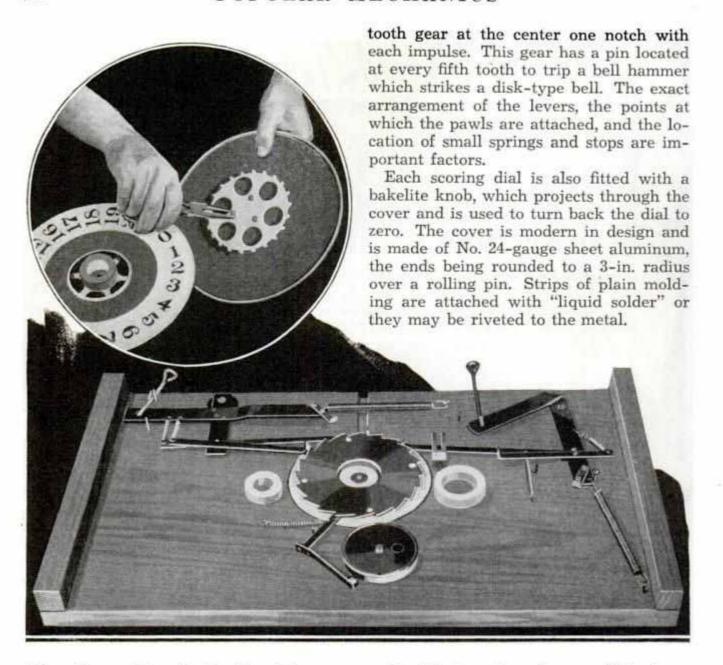
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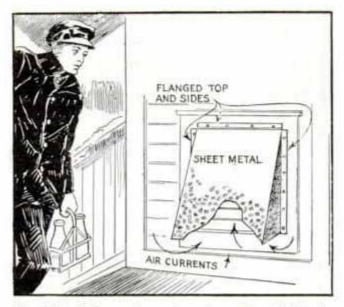
SPECTATORS can follow the score of table tennis more readily with this novel score board. Large numerals indicate the score, point by point, and a bell rings every five points, when the serve is changed. Each player pulls the cord to register his own points, or this can be done by a spectator. The cords are threaded through screw eyes or over small pulleys, and hang near the table where they will be most convenient to the players and high enough to be out of the way when playing.

If you will carefully study the drawings, tracing the action of the mechanism step by step, its assembly and method of operation will become entirely clear. There are two wire hooks projecting above the score board. Each one pulls a lever to which two pawls are attached. One of these operates the score dial on the same side as the lever, advancing it one numeral with each impulse of the pawl. The second pawl on each lever, moves the 20-





### Hood on Food Cooler Prevents Cold-Air Leaks to Kitchen

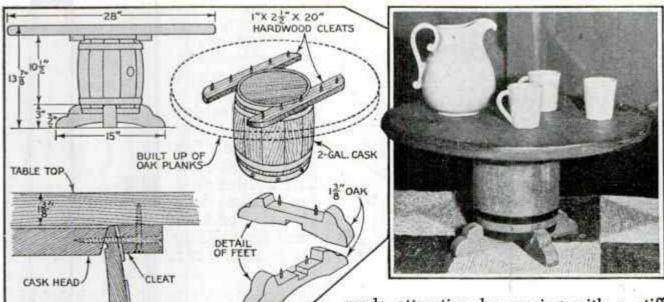


Metal Hood Screwed over Opening of Outside Cooler Keeps Out Snow and Gusts of Air

Built-in food coolers are usually not air-tight on the inside and, when a strong wind or gusts of wind build up the air pressure inside the box, the cold air leaks into the adjoining room and lowers its temperature appreciably. A sheet-metal hood, with an opening at the bottom, screwed over the outside opening of the cooler will ward off the wind effectively without decreasing the efficiency of the cooler. Another advantage of the hood is protection against snow flurries.

(Small holes in linoleum may be patched by carefully filling them with a mixture of finely-chopped cork and liquid glue, which is allowed to dry thoroughly and then given a coat of clear varnish.

# Small Keg Used to Make This Sturdy Table



This attractive beverage table, which comprises a small oak keg, will help in furnishing your basement or attic recreation room, and during summer it can be used in the garden. It consists of a built-up circular top mounted on the keg, which is fitted with feet. A fairly heavy stock is used for the top, the surface of which is

made attractive by scoring with a stiff wire brush. This should be done with the grain. In case the keg selected does not have a thick enough head, remove it and substitute one at least 1 in. thick so that it will hold the screws through the hardwood cleats. The feet are cut from the same stock as the top and roughened in the same way. A dark or weathered-oak stain is effective, followed with applications of shellac or varnish or a wax finish.

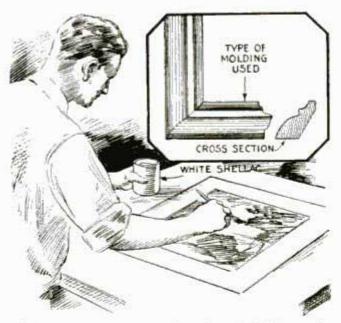
## Lime in Perforated Can Will Absorb Excessive Moisture

As a precaution against dampness in your clothes closet during wet weather, hang a perforated pail filled with hydrated lime inside the closet. Then, if the closet door is kept closed, most of the moisture will be absorbed by the lime and the clothes are not likely to get damp. It is best to put the lime in a cloth bag, which is in turn placed in the pail.

#### Using Photo Filters to Reproduce Stained Pictures

As photo filters cause objects of their own color to photograph white or very light, they can be used to good advantage in reproducing pictures, documents, engravings, etc., that have been stained with dyes and similar materials. Merely use a filter of the same color as the stain and photograph it. The process is not adaptable to drawing ink or other substances having opaque pigments.





Prints from Magazines Coated with Shellac and Framed to Make Beautiful Wall Decorations

#### Imitation Oil Paintings Made from Magazine Prints

Prints of famous paintings that are often reproduced in magazines, calendars, etc., can be made to resemble oil paintings quite closely if given a coat of white shellac, brushed on in all directions. When the shellac is partly dry but still tacky, the print is brushed over again, thus roughening the tacky surface. As deep frames for oil paintings are rather expensive, satisfactory substitutes can be had by making them from heavy molding. These frames look well painted or stained and varnished, although attractive finishes can be worked out with gesso and bronzes.

#### Claw on Hammer Notched to Pull Tacks

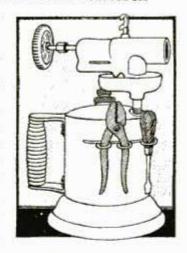
It is almost impossible to pull tacks with a regular claw hammer, but if one of the claws is notched at the end as shown, the



job is easy. File or grind the notch and then bevel the inside edges. If the thickness of the claw does not permit the hammer to be pushed under the head of the tack, it can be ground down at the end without damaging the tool for its regular use.

#### Holding Tools on Your Blowtorch

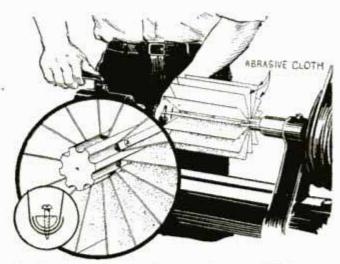
To keep a pair of pliers, scraper, screwdriver, knife or other small tools conveniently at hand, when working with a blowtorch, solder a wire holder to the side of the torch as shown. The holder does not interfere with the use of the



torch for ordinary purposes, and lessens the possibility of misplacing the tools.

#### Rotary Sander Smooths Work Quickly

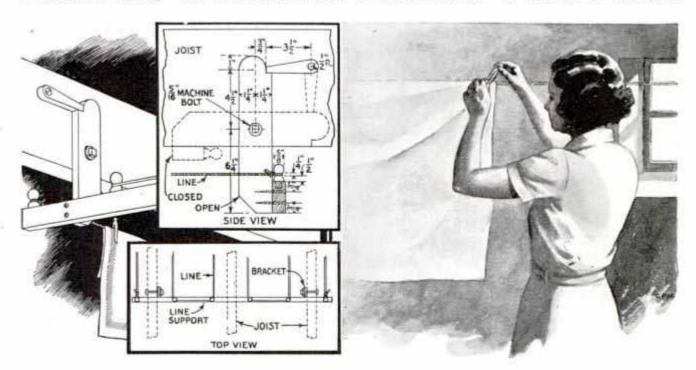
Rounded corners and turned edges of small boxes, blocks and other such objects may be finished quickly with this rotary sanding fixture, which is used in a lathe. The fixture consists of a round wood core having eight equally-spaced grooves in which sixteen pieces of abrasive paper are clamped with screws and lengths of half-round molding. The core should be about 10 in. long and 134 to 2 in. in diameter.



Sander Rotated in Lathe Smooths Rounded Corners and Turned Edges of Small Boxes, Blocks, Etc.

Two pieces of abrasive paper fit under each clamp as shown in the detail, their working surfaces facing the same direction. In use, one end of the sander is attached to a faceplate or chuck of the lathe, and the other end is supported by the tailstock center. The sander should be rotated at 500 to 800 r.p.m., the work being held lightly against the whirling abrasive.

# Basement Clothesline Brackets Fold Flush



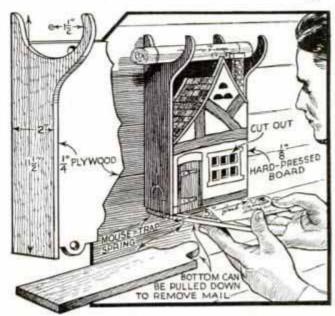
Folded neatly out of the way when not in use, yet quickly pulled down to hold a basement clothesline rigidly, these folding brackets can be made and fitted to the ceiling joists in an hour's time. The dimensions and method of assembly are clearly shown in the drawing. When the brackets are swung down for use, a small dog is slipped into the notch at the upper end of each arm to take the strain of the loaded clothesline. Lag screws or bolts are

used as pivots, and the pivot point on the joist must be accurately determined so that the arm, when pushed up, comes flush with the edge of the joist. In this position the arm is held by the dog hanging vertically as indicated by the dotted lines. Hardwood, such as birch or maple should be used in the construction of the brackets, as there is considerable strain on the parts when the line is loaded with wet clothes.—Howard E. Good, Waterville, O.

## Novel Mail Box for Porch Resembles Miniature Cottage

Painted in bright colors, this mail box will add an interesting touch to your porch. The sides, back and bottom are made of ¼-in. plywood and the front is scroll-sawed from hard-pressed board. A mousetrap spring holds the bottom, which is pulled down to remove the mail. The windows are cut out to reveal letters in the box, while two brackets at the top take care of magazines and newspapers. The box looks best with the front done in cream or canary yellow, with brown timber-work, red chimney and variegated shingles on the roof.

¶Zinc laundry tubs may be cleaned by washing with soapsuds and then rubbing with a flannel cloth dipped in kerosene and sprinkled with baking soda.



An Unusual Mail Box That Will Help Carry Out the Novelty of Your Porch Furnishings

HALLOWEEN

face of the seat. The shock can be lessened by using one or two dry cells and adjusting the coil vibrator to suit.

Telling fortunes is a necessary part of every Halloween affair. As shown in Fig. 6, blank sheets of paper are initialed and handed to the fortune teller. Each slip of paper is placed inside a cardboard cylinder, and, when withdrawn, the fortune

> appears in deep blue script. The stunt is worked by previously writing the fortunes with a dilute solution of sulphuric acid. Be careful not to drop or spill this on table covers, clothes or rugs as the sulphuric-acid solution will destroy fabric. Using a clean steel pen point, the writing will be perfectly invisible when dry. Heat is the medium which brings

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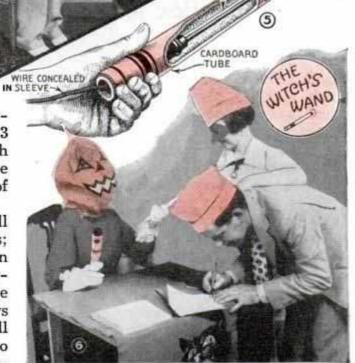
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SKULL

"DUCKING for Apples" takes on new life when you go at it in the manner shown above, Fig. 1. The stunt calls for tongs and scoops, shown in Fig. 2. The tongs are simply elongated spring clothespins, while the scoops are provided with rings. Ducking with the latter means

fishing for an apple that has been skewered with a dowel stick a fraction over 3 in. long. A comparison between the length of the dowel and the dimensions of the scoop will show that there's plenty of room for a slip.

Fig. 4 shows a game called "Skull Cracking." The skulls are comic balloons; the rest is simply a matter of sitting down hard in an effort to crack them. Everything goes along quite merrily until the operator throws the switch. Fig. 3 shows how the chair is wired for the stunt. Small nails are driven through the chair seat so that their heads come flush with the sur-



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the blank paper wrapped around these to permit of its ready entry into the tube and around the hot iron. A trial will readily show the exact strength of solution to use; also how many turns of paper can be successfully developed with the particular iron used. Do not pour water into sulphuric acid, but slowly pour a little acid into water.

Another excellent fortune-telling stunt

is pictured in Fig. 7. A small wooden beetle mysteriously walks around a pictorial cardboard layout, finally coming to a stop on some picture or symbol which the operator then interprets. Fig. 9 shows how the stunt is worked. A plywood disk is mounted under the thin table top. The disk carries a magnet of sufficient power to attract the steel ball housed in the beetle's body. With a dummy arm and hand,

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the operator is free to turn the disk at will, and the bug follows the same course as the magnet. Any ordinary magnet that is in good condition will actuate the beetle through a thin table top.

Fig. 10 shows another electrical stunt-trying to catch a metal object placed in a pan of water. Only one lead is taken from the coil, as shown in Fig. 11, since the ordinary hook-up, as shown in Fig. 3, would be too powerful. As shown, the shock is quite mild, yet powerful enough to close the fingers of the hand, making it difficult to pick up any object. This is a stunt for the brave. If you plunge your hand boldly into the water, you can succeed with only a mild sensation. If you go at the job timidly, as most people do, you will get the full force of the current in your hand, as it is strongest at the surface of the water.

"Soap or Apple," Fig. 12, is an old stunt, but always good for a laugh and will help in keeping the party amused. The apple and

soap are set spinning on the cord while the participants take a chance at making one big bite. Saying "Hello" to your guests can be done very appropriately with the lazy-tong black cat shown in Fig. The tongs are easily made up and riveted together. The cat is painted black on tracing paper, with red tissue-paper eyes

and mouth. A small pencil flashlight lights it from the rear of the box, as shown in Fig. 14. A further effect can be obtained by placing a catcall inside the box immediately before shooting it at some unsuspecting newcomer. The box arrangement can be eliminated entirely, substituting a ghost or cat face painted with luminous paint. Either effect is quite startling, the

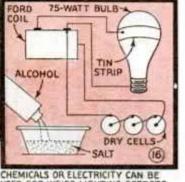
"spook" jumping a good 10 ft, from a dark corner of the porch and then

quickly receding.

A simple little game,

which is lots of fun, is "Guess Who," as in Fig. 15. A strong light permits the tracing of the shadow, and the various faces are numbered for a later guessing contest. If you need spooky lighting effects, try the methods shown in Fig. 16. The electrical hook-up uses a Ford coil to make the bulb glow with a weird blue light. The usual Halloween light is obtained by pouring a quantity of ordinary alcohol into a small dish containing common table salt. After a part of the alcohol has evaporated, the mixture will burn with a flickering yellow flame, giving a deathly appearance to anyone coming near it.

Fig. 17 shows a simple version of the fortune wheel. The cardboard wheel is spun, and, coming to a halt, the marker will indicate the person's

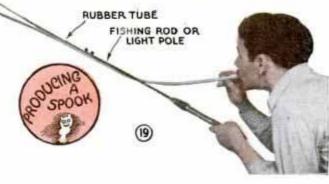


USED FOR WEIRD LIGHTING EFFECTS



A PICTORIAL CARDBOARD WHEEL IS SPUN TO TELL FORTUNES



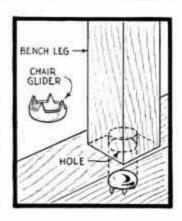


fortune. A "Skeleton Dance," as shown in Fig. 18, is very effective in a dark room. The cardboard figure is sprayed or painted with luminous paint, and offers a weird spectacle when manipulated on the end of a long pole. A somewhat similar stunt is shown in Fig. 19. In this case, a comic toy balloon is suitably painted with luminous paint, and then inflated in a dark room in the manner shown. Luminous paint is readily obtainable in a number of different colors and lends itself well to many other spooky Halloween stunts. Objects treated in this manner should be exposed to sunlight or a strong electric lamp, after which they will glow in the dark.

#### Furniture Gliders Hold Tables in Place

Benches or work tables that must be moved frequently and therefore cannot be

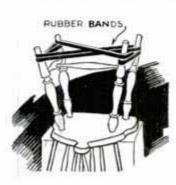
fastened to the floor, may be made rigid enough for most purposes by drilling the ends of the legs and setting them over furniture gliders driven into the floor. The gliders project enough to keep the legs from sliding, yet are



not in the way when the bench is removed to use the space for other purposes.

#### Chair Rungs Clamped with Rubber Bands When Gluing

Next time you have some chair rungs to re-glue, cut off several bands from an



old inner tube and stretch them across the legs to hold the work until the glue dries, taking care to stretch the bands diagonally between the legs as well as straight across them. The

bands are not only easier to handle than clamps for this work, but they eliminate any possibility of marring the finish.

#### Liner Soldered in Eave Trough to Stop Leaks



Leaky Eave Troughs Repaired by Soldering New Pieces of Trough over Damaged Portions

If you have an eave trough that has rusted through in a place or two, but otherwise is in good condition, try lining the damaged portion with a piece of new trough, instead of scraping and soldering over the holes. Have a new piece long enough to extend well beyond the leaky portion, and then solder it at the edges, first painting the inside of the old trough and the outside of the new piece. Applying a coat of paint finishes the job.—L. H. Georger, Buffalo, N. Y.

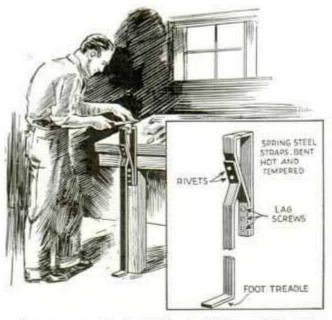
#### Jug Tied to Steel Trap Saves Your Game

A trapped mink or muskrat will not be lost by chewing off its leg if you take advantage of its habit of going into deep wa-

ter when caught. Make the set in the usual way, and then tie a tightly corked jug to the trap chain. When caught, the animal will drag the trap into deep water, the jug keeping the trap suspended so that the



mink or muskrat soon drowns. As the weight of the animal is not sufficient to sink the jug, you can find your catch easily the next morning.



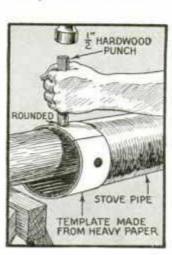
Pressure on the Foot Treadle Releases Work in This Bench Vise

#### Quick-Acting Vise Controlled with Your Foot

For use when a number of small pieces must be dressed with a file or rasp, this quick-acting vise releases the work by pressure on the foot treadle. The jaws, made of spring steel, are heated and bent while hot, after which the metal is tempered. When used on work which might be damaged by the hard metal jaws, pieces of sheet copper or other soft metal may be bent to fit snugly over them.

#### Simple Method of Making Joints in Stovepipe Rigid

The tendency of stovepipe to loosen at the joints can be eliminated by indenting



the pipe at the ends and then assembling the joints so that the indentations come together. To make the latter, take a strip of paper of a length equal to the circumference of the pipe and punch four equally-spaced holes in it. Then, using the paper as a tem-

plate, put the pipe over a rounded surface and, with a punch made from a hardwood dowel, indent it as shown.

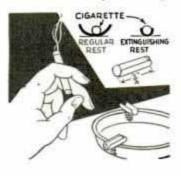
#### Inner-Tube "Chaps" Keep Your Legs Dry

Men who must work outdoors in rainy weather will find that two lengths of old inner tube pulled over their legs as shown will keep them dry below their rain coats. Loops cemented to the top edges are used for fastening to the belt. Cutting a slit at the bottom of each leg and cementing a V-strip in it will



flare the tubes to keep water from running down the rubber into the shoes.—G. W. Becker, Valley Junction, Ia.

#### Ash Tray Extinguishes Cigarettes



All the mess and odor of cigarettes burning in an ash tray and the possibility of a lighted butt dropping on a rug or table are eliminated by soldering two or three

strips of tin, bent to the contour of a cigarette, to your metal tray. When the butt burns down to the tin, it goes out because air is excluded by the holder.—Leonard Mitchell, San Francisco, Calif.

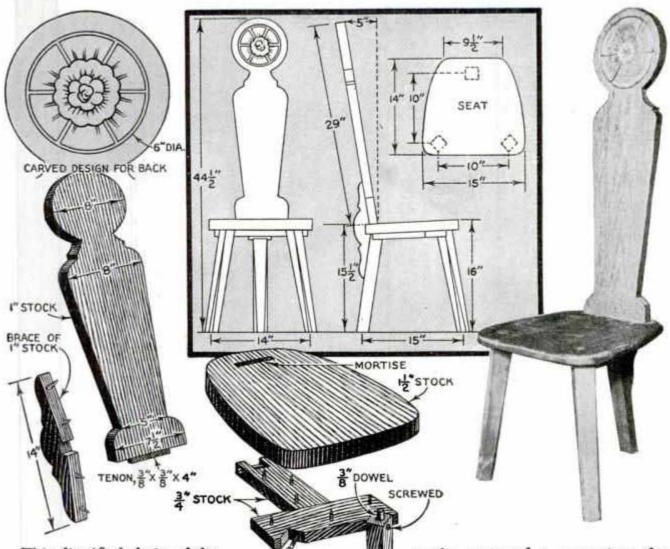
#### A Box for Your Shoe Brush

To keep a shoe-blackening brush from soiling other articles when it is stored in a box or drawer, get a small tin box and

cut a notch in the side to take the brush handle as shown. Also, the box helps to keep any polish left on the brush from drying and stiffening the bristles.



# High-Back Chair Goes Well in the Hallway



LEGS, 13"X 13",

CORNERS TAPERED TOWARD BOTTOM

SECTION

This dignified chair, of the type in use during the late fifteenth century, recommends itself to the amateur craftsman because of the simplicity of its construction. Oak is the preferred material, although you can

use material of your own choice. First make the seat of 1½-in. stock. As this is 15 in. wide, it may be necessary to glue two pieces together. Cleats, forming a T, are screwed to the underside to strengthen the leg joints. A dowel joins each leg

to the seat and a screw into the cleat locks it in position. Glue should be used in all joints. The seat is mortised for the back as shown, the latter being supported by a cleat, which is screwed to the back and to the rear leg. The high, narrow back is sawed from

a 1 by 8-in. board. Part of it is handcarved, a suggested design being given. The seat will be more comfortable if it is chiseled out slightly concave. After staining to suit, a waxed finish is in keeping with this piece of furniture.

#### Beauty of Leaves Preserved by Photographic Process

A quick and inexpensive method of making accurate reproductions of plant and tree leaves for study and display is to use the leaves themselves as negatives in making prints, instead of making negatives with your camera. Specimens free from imperfections should be selected. One of these is laid on the glass of a printing machine and a sheet of sensitized paper is adjusted over the leaf, after which an exposure is made about ten times as long as the printing time of the average negative.

# When You Close Your Home





placed in the opening of each conductor pipe will help to keep leaves out. Rain and snow may be kept out of large chimneys by means of a cap board held in place with a weight suspended inside the chimney.

#### Protecting Water and Drainage Systems

Just before leaving there are many details that should be remembered. First, go over the water and drainage systems. Turn off the main water-supply valve. Where there is danger of the water meter freezing, have this removed and stored until you return. The cost of storage is slight compared to that of a new meter. After shutting off the water at the main valve, open all faucets, not forgetting the outside hydrants, flush the bathroom water reservoir and open the hot-water tank drain. If you have a steam or hot-water heating system, open the boiler drain and also all radiator valves and air valves in hot-water radiators, to assure that water will be completely emptied from the system. Don't neglect opening the watersupply valve to the boiler to release water trapped between it and the house supply. Then, all drain traps must be protected against freezing, which is done by pouring in a sufficient quantity of alcohol and kerosene to replace the water. The kerosene rises to the top and prevents evaporation of the alcohol. Traps should never be left dry as this allows foul sewer gases to enter the house. Drain traps are found at every sink, the bathroom bowl and toilet, laundry tubs, and at every floor drain in the basement.

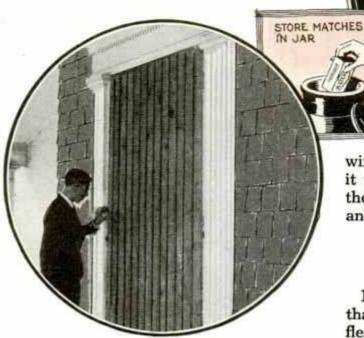
WASTE RAGS AND OTHER COMBUSTIBLE

MATERIALS SHOULD BE BURNED

#### Remember the Fire Hazard

Fire hazard must also be avoided. Conduction of lightning into the house over the radio antenna may be prevented by connecting the antenna lead-in wire to the ground outside the house. Danger of explosions due to gas leakage will be eliminated by simply turning off the supply at the meter. All waste rags, papers and other combustible material should be removed from the house and destroyed to avoid spontaneous combustion. Matches should not be left on shelves but either

removed or placed in a fireproof container in the basement, away from paper and other inflammable material. Also inspect your fire-insurance policy to see if it gives protection while the building is unoccu-



pied. It may be necessary to get a "vacancy permit" from the insurance company. And, before leaving don't neglect to disconnect the main electrical switch, usually located near the meter.

#### And, Don't Overlook These Details

Cheap muslin cloth, spread over all upholstered furniture will be worth many times its cost in protection against dust and insects. Moth balls placed in the upholstery, under such covers, remain effective for months. Felt pads in pianos are also an attraction for moths, and a few moth balls in the piano will keep them out. Be sure to remove all perishable food from the house and if you have a supply of canned goods, it is a good idea to make arrangements for leaving it with a neighbor during your absence.

As an economy measure, especially if your absence is to be long, it is a good idea to have gas, water, electric and telephone service discontinued temporarily. Also, suppose it becomes imperative to get into the house during the period of vacancy, it is better that close friends, neighbors or even the local police are in possession of a key, rather than the alternative of breaking in through a door or

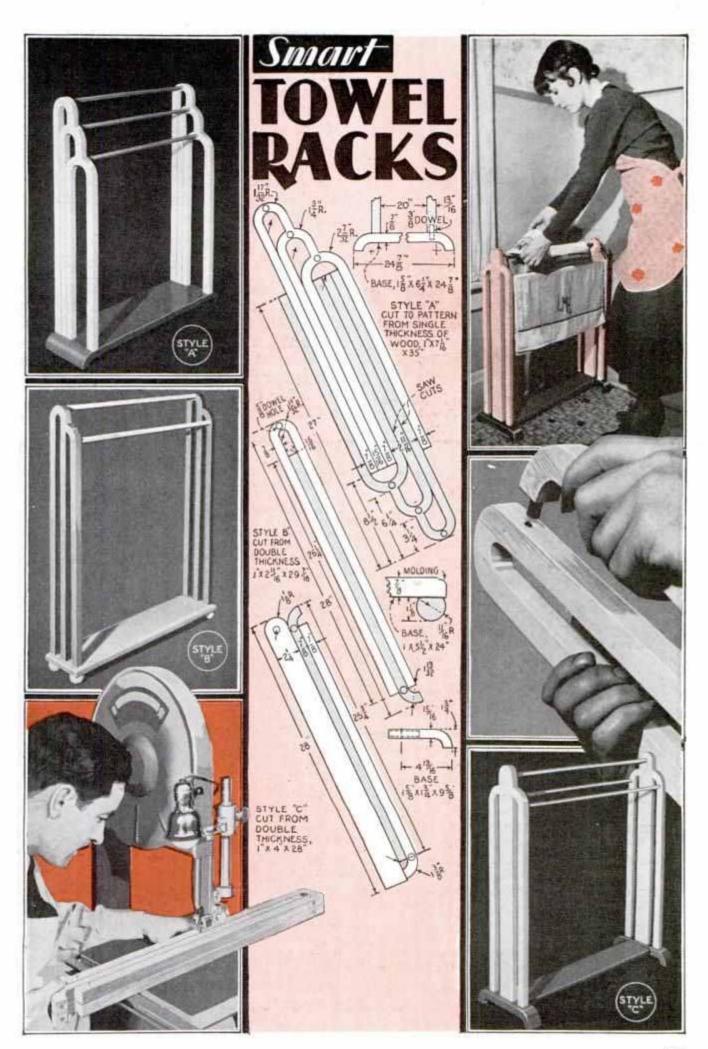
window to gain entrance. In many cases it will be a judicious measure to inform the local police station of your absence and its intended length.

COVERING UPHOLSTERED FURNITURE TO PROTECT IT AGAINST DUST AND INSECTS

#### Short Piece of Flexible Tubing Clears Clogged Sink Drain

Here is a sure method of cleaning out that clogged sink drain. Get a length of flexible tubing, such as a speedometer cable or a piece of electrical armored cable, and twist it through the drain pipe with your hand or breast drill. To do this, solder a short iron or brass rod in the end of the tubing so that it can be clamped in the drill chuck. As the tubing is rotated, keep a slight pressure against it, and it will gradually work its way through the drain, removing grease, soap, etc.





#### Template to Cut Large Pipe at an Angle



Large Pipe or Tube Cut in Two at an Accurate Angle by Using a Cardboard Template

When a large pipe or tube must be cut at an angle, a guide line for sawing can be scribed accurately by using a template. To make the latter, take a piece of cardboard, cut a hole in the center slightly larger than the work and slip this over the pipe. Tip the template to one side at the angle you wish to cut the pipe and scribe the line. If the angle is critical, lay it off on another piece or cardboard and use this as a guide as shown.

#### Removing Soot Specks from Felt Hats

When specks of soot settle on a light felt hat, it is almost impossible to remove them with a brush without crushing and spreading them into the nap of the hat. To prevent this, before brushing the hat, snap your finger against the inside directly under the soot mark and much of it will be dislodged without leaving a trace.

# Small Gas Engine Runs This Midget Car



This small car, having a 58-in. wheelbase and 28-in. tread, is very easy to operate and may be powered by a ½ to ¾-hp. gas engine of the washing-machine type. It is equipped with effective brakes and pneumatic tires. Plans show three alternate methods of body construction. Easy to build and will assure you of plenty fun at a safe, moderate speed. Our blueprints Nos. 906 to 909 incl. give you all the information necessary. This set will be sent postpaid on receipt of \$1.00.

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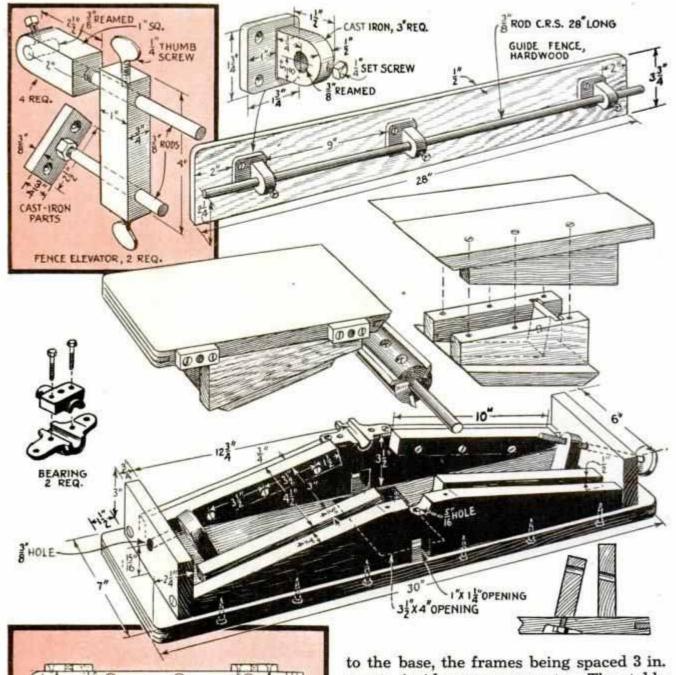


ing practice. Few of the attachments are of metal and these may

be made from stock material or, if you like, they may be cast. The only manufactured parts to buy are the cutter-head assembly including the knives and backer, two bearings, two handwheels, and a number of screws as needed.

It is best to cut and fit the separate parts as the work progresses, rather than cut all the parts at once. Start with the baseboard,

This is dadoed out at each end and a spline inserted, set in with casein glue to prevent warping and checking. The hole for shavings is then cut out. Each side frame should be cut out for the bearing boxes, holes are drilled for screws to hold the boxes, and two guides are fitted to each frame. The frames are then attached



to the base, the frames being spaced 3 in. apart, inside measurements. The table underslides are next. They should slide freely between the side frames, but not too loosely. Then the tables are cut out, inserts are fitted in each end, like the baseboard. One end of each is beveled 45° which provides clearance for the knives. The rabbet ledge of the rear table is 1% in. wide and % in. deep. When attaching the table slides, note that the back slides are fitted flush and the front ones are set in from the edge of the table.

The cutter head must be fitted in place to rotate freely. When locating the tables, bring them as close to the knives as possible, thus determining the highest point of table elevation. Place the underslides in position between the side frames, wedge

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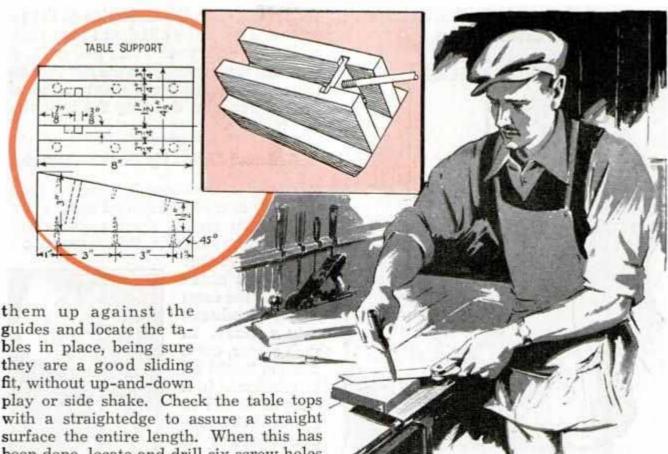
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TABLE, ALL WOOD PARTS FASTENED WITH #12-15 SCREWS

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with a straightedge to assure a straight surface the entire length. When this has been done, locate and drill six screw holes in each, for fastenig the tables, which should slide freely, to the underslides.

In starting work on the elevating device, remove the underslides from the frame and dado out as shown to take the castiron blocks through which the elevating screw passes. The blocks should be a snug fit, the slots being cut on an angle so as to bring the screw in line with the travel of the underslide. The 3/8-in. screw is 8 in. long and has 16 threads per in. for 3 in. on one end; the other end is fitted with a handwheel. Lay out and drill a hole through the baseboard on an angle to bring the holding post in line, so the elevating screw will pass freely. Also counterbore the underside of the hole to take a washer and the head of the hold-down screw. The holding posts are filed on an angle on the bottom. When assembling, run the screw through the threaded hole in the block about ½ in. and with the table at high elevation, prick-punch close to each washer. Drill here for small cotter pins and insert them. This will allow the screw to turn, raising and lowering the table without end play in the screw itself. The end pieces can now be cut and fitted.

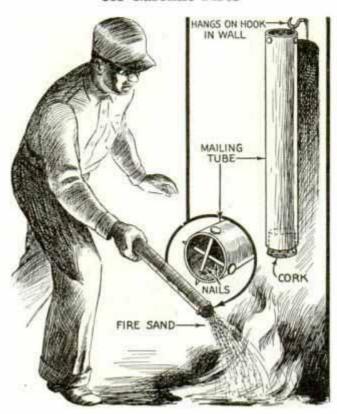
The fittings for the guide fence are drilled and reamed, also tapped for threads. Two cast-iron pieces are attached

to the front table. A 3/8-in. rod 4 in. long, threaded ¾ in. on one end, is screwed into each. The cast-iron pieces which form the link between the table and the guide fence should be drilled and reamed in line, to prevent binding when adjusting the guide fence. This also applies when reaming the three pieces that support the swivel rod to the back of the fence. Two 5 by %-in. rods are threaded on one end and are screwed into the two iron pieces which form the swivels allowing the fence to tilt. Locate and attach three iron castings to the back of the fence, pass the long %-in. rod through these and then assemble.

Four pieces of thin sheet iron or tin are cut to fit the shavings hole in the baseboard and extend high enough to just clear the knives. Their lower ends are bradded to the baseboard, forming a chute.

After completion, the wood is given a coat of linseed oil and, when dry, a coat of shellac is applied to all outside surfaces except the table tops and the face of the guide fence, these being given two coats of furniture wax well rubbed. A ¼-hp. motor is used to drive this jointer, with a 3½-in. pulley on the motor and a 1¾-in. pulley on the cutter head.

#### Practical Homemade Extinguisher for Gasoline Fires



Homemade Fire Extinguisher to Scatter Dry Sand on Gasoline or Oil Fires in Shops and Garages

Although buckets of sand are usually kept at hand in shops or garages where gasoline fires might occur, their excessive weight makes them inconvenient to handle when quick and forceful scattering of the sand is required. On account of this, one garage mechanic added a few extinguishers which he made from mailing tubes. Each tube was fitted with a cork at the bottom to hold the sand, and nails were driven cross-wise through the upper end of the tube. The tubes were filled with sand and suspended by strings from the walls. In use, the tube is jerked from the hook and swung back and forth, directed toward the base of the flame.

#### Mask on Ink Pad Stamps Eggs



To keep a record of eggs laid by various pens of fowls, one poultryman perforated a strip of wax paper and glued this over a rubberstamp ink pad. A safety pin was then soldered to the underside of the pad so that it could be attached to his sleeve while the eggs were being gathered. As each egg is removed from the nest, the end is pressed against the masked pad to receive an imprint denoting the respective pen number.

#### Reflector Lights Up Obscure Gauge

It is often necessary to mount a meter or gauge in a poorly lighted spot. Sometimes, even though there may be light coming from one side, it is impossible to

read the meter except at close range as the cross light produces only a glare. In such a case, cut a piece of bright tin or cardboard to a length equal to one-half the circumference of the meter and about  $2\frac{1}{2}$  in. wide. Fasten it in place with



a rubber band on the side of the meter opposite the source of light. In this way, the reflected light on the gauge kills the glare and makes the figures readable.—C. Edward Lindberg, Sherman, N. Y.

#### Weight Markings Made Legible



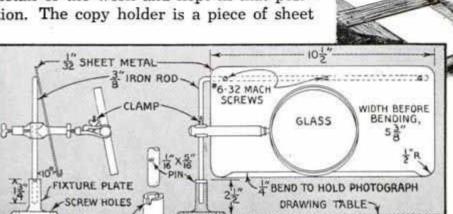
Small weights used with photo and chemical scales often become dark and corroded after a short time, which makes it difficult to read the markings stamped in the metal. They can be made legible by rubbing

with the point of a lead pencil, thus coating the background with graphite so that the numerals stand out clearly. Another method is to clean the surface around the markings with an ink eraser until the metal becomes bright. Then give this part a touch of transparent metal lacquer to prevent rapid corrosion.

# Artist's Magnifying Glass Held with Clamp

RUBBER

When copying drawings from small photos or cuts, it is often necessary to use a magnifying glass to bring out fine details. A holder for the glass and copy that will leave both hands free, can be made by using a swiveled burette clamp, such as is used to hold flasks in chemistry laboratories. Such an arrangement provides a holder that is adjustable in all directions so that the glass can be focused on any detail of the work and kept in that position. The copy holder is a piece of sheet



iron screwed or riveted to an iron rod, which is bent at right angles as indicated. To keep the holder in a vertical position,

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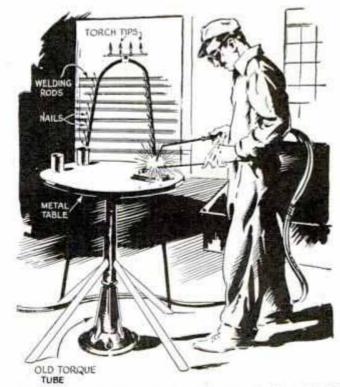
the lower end of the rod is inserted into a fixture plate or a weighted block. The clamp is attached to the rod at any convenient height with the handle of the magnifying glass held firmly in the end.

If an extension is provided for the handle of the magnifying glass, it can be adjusted horizontally over a greater area.

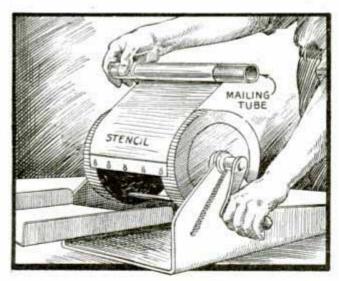
## Metal Table Keeps Your Welding Accessories at Hand

Besides providing a smooth surface on which to place small parts to be welded, this metal table has an accessory rack for storing torch tips, flux rods, etc., which greatly adds to its convenience. The top is a piece of flat metal, and the standard that supports it is an old auto torque tube with the tapered end cut off to get the right height. To brace the table and prevent tipping, four legs made of 11/2-in. tubing are welded to the standard at an angle. The accessory rack is a U-shaped rod, which is welded to the edge of the table top and to the bottom of the rear legs. Large spikes welded to the rod at an angle hold various flux rods, while an iron rod across the top of the rack carries several machine bolts on the threads of which extra torch tips are screwed.—J. C. Coyle, Phoenix, Ariz.

 (A newly tapped hole should be oiled before turning a bolt into it.



Homemade Welding Table That Has Rack to Hold Accessories Such as Flux Rods and Torch Tips



Mimeograph Stencil Rolled on Mailing Tube Is Easy to Put on Machine Smoothly

#### Getting Stencil on Mimeograph Machine Smoothly

Operators of mimeograph machines often experience difficulty by having a heavily typed stencil tear when it is being stretched over the cylinder of the machine. Such accidents may be avoided by first placing the stencil, face down, on a smooth table or desk, and then rolling it up on a cardboard mailing tube. If care is taken in the rolling, the paper stub of the stencil may be attached in place and the wax sheet unrolled evenly over the ink pad as the cylinder is turned. Also, any pulling to make the stencil smooth is distributed so that tearing is unlikely.

#### Padded Apron Is Comfortable for Bench Workers

Mechanics, printers and others who lean against a workbench during much of their



labor will find that a padded apron makes their work more comfortable. Several folds of cloth stitched across the inside of the apron at the height of the bench will serve the purpose. Or, one may use a

tubular strip of material filled with cotton. In the latter event, the pad should be stitched to prevent the cotton from becoming wadded.

#### Rack for Chemical Apparatus Made of Rubber Hose

A chemist who needed extra racks for his apparatus made them by tacking pieces of rubber hose vertically to a board. The

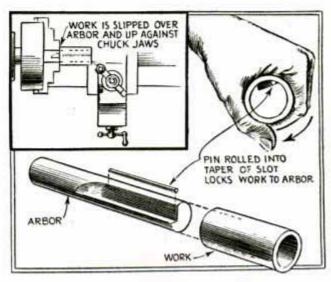
hose was cut into different lengths for the various parts, after which the lower end of each piece was serrated, the tabs thus formed being bent outward and tacked to the



board as shown. Wads of cotton in the bottom of each holder protected the glass parts so they would not be broken when dropped inside.

#### Quick-Grip Arbor to Face Sleeves and Bushings

This quick-grip arbor, which is made from a piece of cold-rolled steel and a short length of 1/16 or 1/8-in. steel rod, will be found indispensable for holding bushings, sleeves and rings that are being finished in quantities. Also, it is handy for gripping cupped-end work that cannot be held by the usual expansion-arbor method. The tapered pin-slot may be cut on a shaper or it can be ground on an emery wheel and filed to a finished size. In use, the work is slipped over the arbor, after which a twist to the right causes the pin to move up the tapered side of the slot and grip the work.



Tapered Slot Cut in Arbor Carries Steel Pin to Grip Sleeves and Bushings Quickly

**DUST DISPOSAL** 

in the Home Workshop

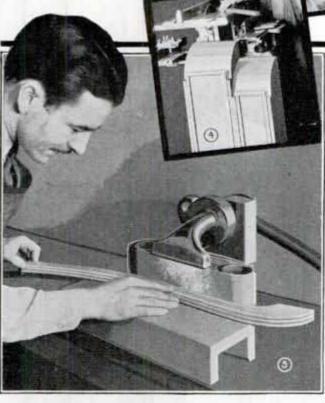
YOUR circular saw and the jointer are perhaps the worst offenders in producing sawdust. Fig. 1 shows a simple but effective dust collector, comprising a wood frame, 8 in. long, and a cloth bag, 12 in. deep. A bag alone, fitted with a draw string which ties over the chute, is sometimes used as in Fig. 2. In. Fig. 3 the dust

from the jointer falls into a box, while that from the saw is conveyed to the same container through a length of stovepipe or cardboard tube. The best sawdust catcher for a combination unit is shown in Fig. 4. These can be made up readily from ½-in, stock

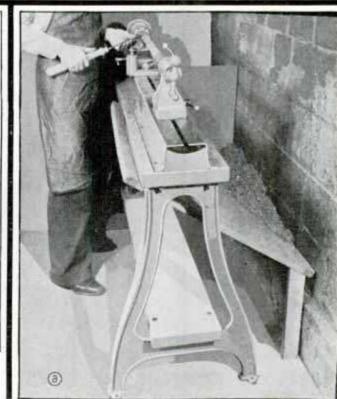
and hard-pressed board. A small vacuum cleaner is useful in picking up dust from the sander, as in Fig. 5. The cleaner may be mounted directly over the machine, as

shown, or the flat, nozzle type of fitting may be carried from the cleaner to the sander. The same idea can be adapted to a number of other machines, such as the grind-

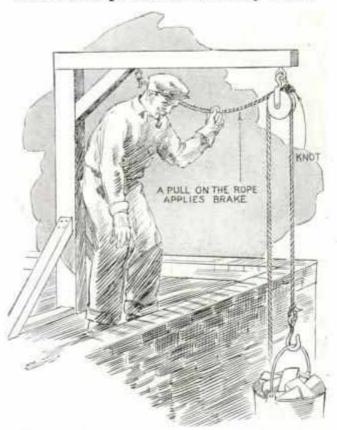
er, scroll saw, etc. Fig. 6 pictures a method of solving the sawdust problem of a lathe. The bin catches a goodly portion of the chips, keeps the dust out of the way and can be cleaned out easily when necessary.



Above, a Small Vacuum Cleaner Takes the Dust Away from the Sander; Right, Method of Eliminating Some of the Dust around a Lathe



#### Knotted Rope Serves as Pulley Brake



Knotted Rope Serves as Brake When Lowering Buckets of Material from Roof

Lowering pails of bricks and other heavy materials from chimney-repair jobs is usually hard on the workman's hands and gloves, and may be dangerous to those below unless some efficient braking device is used on the lowering tackle. If the pulley used is not already provided with a brake, one may be constructed by attaching a short piece of heavy rope to the lowering crane, inserting the free end through the loop of the pulley and twisting it into a large knot. In use, the workman merely pulls down on this rope to force the knot into the pulley loop and apply the necessary braking friction.

#### Positive Stop for Shop Doors



In shops or warehouses where wedge-type doorstops would project to interfere with the passage of wheel trucks, a spring stop will be found practical. A length of ¼-in. steel rod is point-

ed at one end and bent as indicated. This is pivoted to the lower portion of the door and a coil spring attached at the angle shown. When not in use, the stop is swung up against a projecting nail or screw, but may be kicked over to the locking position instantly.

#### Funnel Holds Fowls to Weigh Them

Many poultrymen, when weighing individual fowls, inflict unnecessary pain and discomfort on the bird by locking its wings and fastening its feet with twine. It is much simpler, and saves time as well, to roll a sheet of tin. or heavy cardboard, into an open-end cone and suspend this



from the hook of the scales, as shown. The fowl lowered, headfirst, into this cone will not struggle, and the weight may be readily determined.

#### Homemade Wrench Loosens Lid on Carbide Can

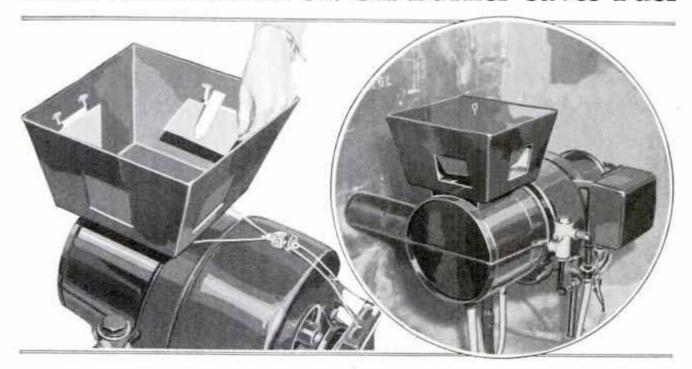
As lids on carbide cans must be kept screwed down tightly, the strip on the lid, which is used to turn it, is often broken,



resulting in much trouble when opening the can. This difficulty may be avoided by using a wrench of the type shown. A 6-in. strip of 1/8 by 13/4-in. flat iron is bent double, leaving a space 1/8 in. wide and about 3/4 in. deep between the edges. A rod,

with the ends bent upward, is brazed to the back of this wrench, with a small metal loop at the center by which to hang it up when not in use.

# Draft-Control Box on Oil Burner Saves Fuel



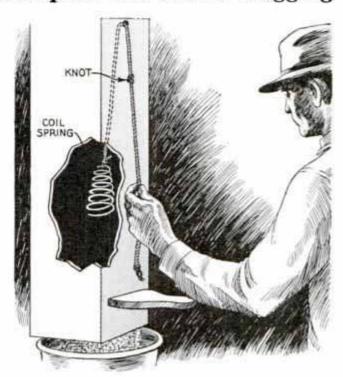
Cold air, seeping through the draft vents of an oil burner, cools the heating coils of the furnace while the burner is inoperative. In one case this heat loss and consequent fuel waste was overcome by an arrangement that draws all incoming air through a sheetmetal box the openings of which are fitted with leather flaps, permitting the entrance of air only when the burner is working. The forced draft pulls the flaps open as shown in the right-hand photo. When the burner stops, the flaps, properly weighted, drop back in place, closing the vents. The left-hand photo shows the interior of the draft-control box, with the cover removed. The narrow strip, which can be seen on the center of one flap, is the weight. Note that the sides of the box are at an angle so that flaps will lie snugly over the vents.

# Spring Suspended Inside Grain Spout to Prevent Clogging

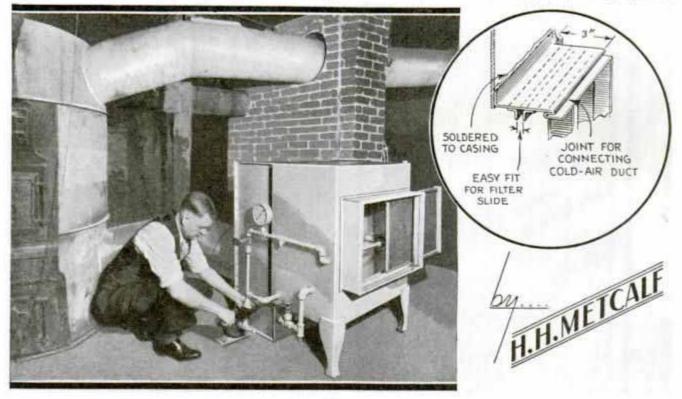
Grain or ground feed kept in an overhead bin of a barn and conveyed to the lower floor by means of a hopper and spout, often packs and clogs in the spout to shut off the supply. To avoid this, one farmer suspended a heavy coil spring inside the spout with a cord as shown, so that it could be moved up and down to loosen the clogged feed.

#### Boxes of Lime Keep Eggs Clean

Boxes filled with lime and placed in front of chickens' nests will save poultrymen time and labor in washing soiled eggs. If the boxes are placed so that the hens have to walk through the lime to reach the nests, dirt and droppings that adhere to their feet will be removed, thus assuring a minimum number of soiled eggs.



# Control Humidity with HOME

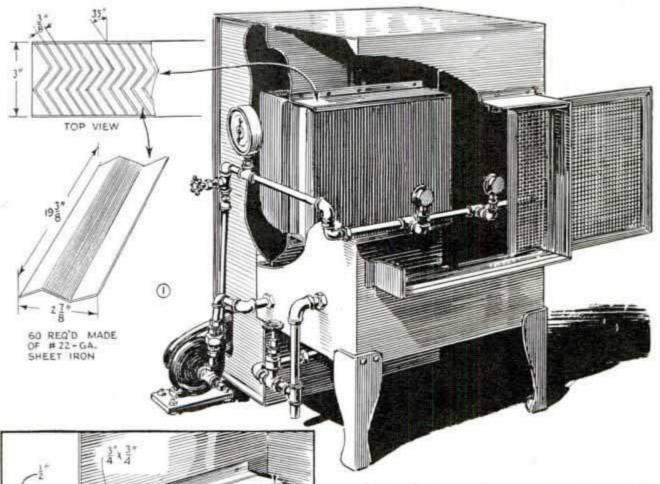


DO YOU know that the air in most of our homes is drier on many winter days than the air of the Sahara desert? Dry air robs the throat and nasal passages of moisture and makes us more susceptible to colds, pneumonia and influenza. Also, do you know that on sultry days during summer, it is not the temperature that is mostly to blame for your distress, but the excessive humidity in the air? Good air conditioning gives you healthful. comfortable air, which is filtered free from dust, soot, germs and other impurities: contains a sufficient but not an excessive amount of moisture; is heated or cooled for average comfort, and is then circulated through the house. You can go a long way toward obtaining such air by using a conditioning unit of the kind shown here. which has been in use for several seasons and has been found entirely practical and satisfactory. Carefully built and when used under the same general conditions, it will give gratifying results.

Before the unit is installed, there are a few important factors that should be carefully considered. In the first place, this conditioner works in conjunction with a hot-air heating system, depending on it for circulation. If you have another type of heating system, such as hot water or steam, an efficient duct system must be provided, which may involve some difficulties in homes already built. A single, large duct to deliver the conditioned air to the rooms above and another one for air return, might give some degree of satisfaction, but this is problematical and something for you to experiment with, if you wish. Another thing to keep in mind is that an air conditioner is of no benefit whatsoever if doors and windows are kept open. It is best to keep storm doors and windows tightly in place to prevent outside air from filtering in, or inside air from leaking out. It should be remembered that the conditioned air is more healthful and more comfortable than average outside air.

Good insulation of the house is absolutely essential not only to avoid infiltration or leakage but also to prevent the "sweating" of walls. Considerable trouble has been experienced in poorly insulated buildings during cold weather, when the inside humidity was raised to 50 per cent, and so much condensation of moisture—"sweating"—occurred on the inside of the outer walls, that paint, wallpaper and furnishings were ruined. Only thor-

# AIR CONDITIONER



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ough insulation will prevent such trouble, the partitions being filled with insulation and the ceiling under the roof being also sufficiently covered with it.

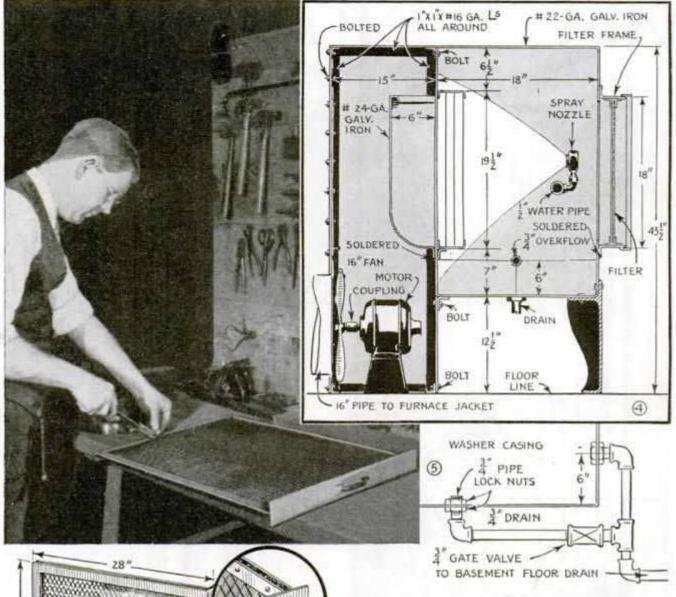
It is also necessary to remember that when water is used in an air conditioner for cooling and dehumidifying air, the temperature of the water must be 55° Fahr, or lower, for efficient operation. Water at a higher temperature than this is inadequate for cooling or dehumidifying the air. Therefore, in many localities, water from the city mains cannot be used. Water from a deep well, having a temperature of 55° or less, will be satisfactory. Lacking this, the water will have to be cooled artificially, by a unit that will supply sufficient refrigeration, which is more expensive than using well water. This fact has been mentioned here as the air conditioner shown makes use of cold water for cooling and dehumidifying the air.

The unit shown is suitable for the average six-room house. The cost was \$17.50, which did not include the motor. Dur-

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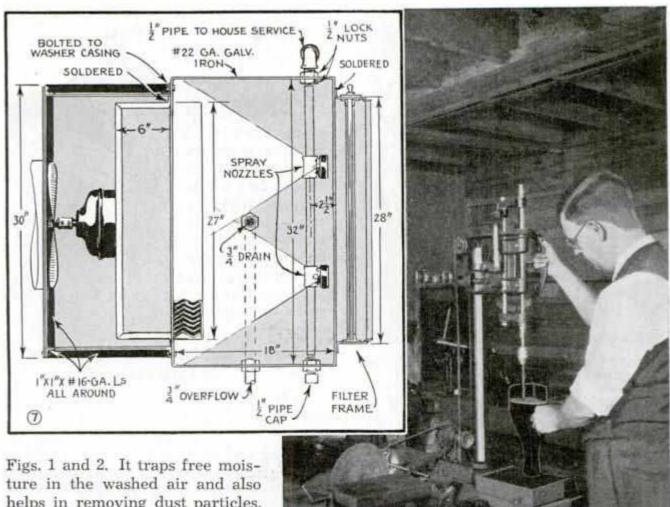
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ing winter, when the hot-air system furnishes the necessary heat, the unit filters the air and adds moisture to it, after which the air is delivered to the air intake of the furnace. Return air is brought to the conditioner directly by piping, all separate cold-air return ducts being connected together. In some cases the return air may be exhausted into the basement, where it mixes with the basement air and also with fresh air let in through a window, after which the mixed air is drawn into the conditioner.

When the air enters the conditioner, it

first passes through a filter, which removes impurities. See Fig. 6. The filter consists of two screens; a very fine copper screen and a coarse, galvanized-iron screen. The coarse screen is placed inside and supports the fine screen. The latter is given a coating of ordinary motor oil, thinly applied with a brush. Due to the great amount of dust collected by the filter, it should be cleaned frequently and re-oiled. Two fine-spray nozzles are located just inside the unit as in Figs. 4, 5, and 7, and all air then passes through the cold-water spray. During winter the air absorbs considerable moisture here. And, during summer, the exact opposite takes place; the warm, moisture-laden air, cooled considerably by the cold spray, (less than 55°) and also by the cold eliminator plates, gives up some of its moisture and is thus dehumidified. The eliminator consists of a number of baffles. See



helps in removing dust particles. The air, leaving the eliminator, is directed upward by a deflector

shown in Figs. 2 and 3, into a compartment containing a fan, which forces the washed and filtered air to the furnace intake. A small centrifugal water pump and a water-pressure gauge are also provided. The spray nozzles normally operate at 8 to 10 lbs. pressure. During winter the same water can be used over and over again. A fine screen should be placed in the water recirculating system to catch dirt that might clog the spray nozzles. During summer, the water can only be recirculated as long as it remains below 55°. and a supply of fresh, cold water should be added constantly. Although this system has no automatic temperature and humidity controls, these, obviously, may be added if you desire.

In this unit, note that the washing and the air-exhaust compartments are really two separate parts, bolted together. This enables the unit to be taken through a doorway if necessary. Manufacturers provide filters and eliminators of various kinds and sizes. It is important that all joints of the washing compartment are water-tight. The deflector in the airexhaust compartment is rounded at the bottom to return the water it traps. In cases where the return air is piped directly to the conditioner, a length of stovepipe, fitted with a damper, is installed to take in a supply of fresh air from outside. Usually about 25 per cent of fresh air is added to the return air during winter and about 40 per cent during summer.

A thermometer and hygrometer in a central location, will indicate temperature and humidity. Or, you can use the dry and wet bulb thermometer combination, keeping a humidity chart at hand so that the daily moisture content of the air may be determined. Where 50 per cent humidity cannot be supplied during winter on account of "sweating" on walls, provide less humidity but as much as you can without condensation troubles.

Never wear jewelry on your hands when working at a machine as it is apt to catch on the work and cause serious injury.



When a Customer Opens Store Door Special Sale Sign Moves to Attract His Attention

#### Moving Door Display Will Sell Your Merchandise

A druggist has found that this moving door display attracts attention of customers entering his store. An empty carton, showing the goods on sale, is attached to the door in such a manner that it moves upward when the door is opened. Two strings are attached to the top and bottom of the door, passing through holes in the carton. A center string is tacked to the top of the door frame and is fastened directly to the carton.

#### Films Kept Fresh in Cigar Box

After boxes of cut films and plates have been opened, they should be stored in a place free of moisture. A cigar box serves the purpose very well. One end of the box



is partitioned off and the space filled with unslaked lime, while the remainder of the box is used to hold the films. The lime will absorb all moisture from the air inside the box, making it suitable for carry-

ing on camping trips or use in a damp darkroom. The lid should fit tightly.

#### Sponge-Rubber Pad Holds Small Assembly Parts

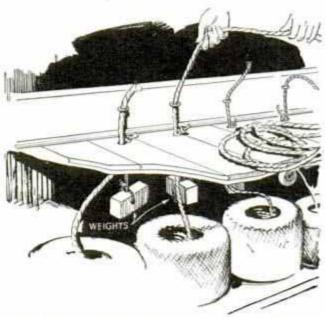
Jewelers, electricians and others who are obliged to assemble small mechanisms, will find that a square of thick sponge rubber is an excellent tray for small screws, nuts and washers. Upon such a surface



the small parts do not roll easily, and it is a simple matter to pick up the smallest piece with the fingers.

#### "Brakes" for Rope That Is Dispensed through Floor

In hardware stores where rope is usually stored in the basement, the end of each coil is drawn up through a hole in the floor and knotted to hold it so that it may be measured off and cut as necessary. This often results in a rope being dropped back into the basement before it can be knotted. If weights are tied to short lengths of small rope and the free ends of



Rope Dispensed through Floor Kept from Slipping into Basement by Short, Weighted Ropes

these threaded through the holes and knotted above the floor as shown, they will serve as stops to prevent the ends of the ropes from slipping back into the basement when they are released.

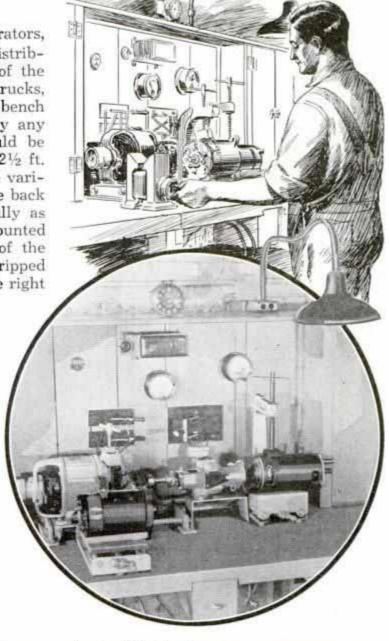
# Coctrical TEST BENCH for the Small Garage

FOR accurately checking generators, starting motors, ignition coils, distributors, condensers and other parts of the electrical system of automobiles, trucks, motorcycles and motor boats, a test bench of the type shown can be made by any mechanic at a small cost. It should be about 4 ft. long and has a back of 21/2 ft. high. The first step is to mount the various instruments and switches on the back panel and connect them up carefully as shown in the diagram. A vise is mounted slightly to the left of the center of the bench so that a generator may be gripped in it with its pulley projecting to the right

and about in line with the center of the bench. A motor on a sliding base is located in such a way that its pulley will come in line with the pulley of any generator which is held in the vise on the bench.

To test a generator, place it in the vise. Then, with a pair of test leads about 3 ft. long and equipped at each end with spring clips, connect the generator terminal to the negative binding post, and the generator frame to the positive post. Close switch No. 1, the cutout shorting switch. The generator should run smoothly at moderate speed and draw 4 or 5 amps. Switch No. 3 must be thrown to the right when testing a 6-volt

generator and to the left when working on a 12-volt machine. If the generator runs in a jerky manner and intermittently draws more than 4 or 5 amps., a grounded or shorted armature is indicated. If it draws less than this amount under the foregoing conditions, an open circuit in the armature or a poor brush contact on the commutator is indicated. When the generator runs smoothly, but draws more than 4 or 5 amps., there may be a shorted or grounded field. Running at extreme speed indicates an open field. This can be



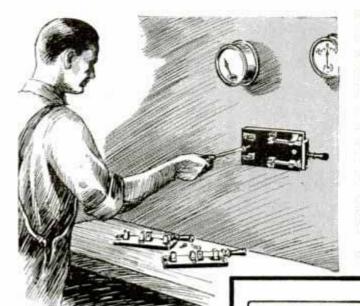
checked by letting the generator run as a motor and raising the third brush, thus breaking the field circuit. If doing this alters the motoring action, it is evident that the field circuit is complete.

With the generator dismantled, the armature may be checked for short or open circuits on the growler, and for grounds by means of the test points when switch No. 4 is thrown to the left, No. 5 always being to the right except when making high-tension tests. With switch No. 4 thrown to the right, the fields may be

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be detected by inspection. To test an ignition coil, clamp an old distributor in the vise and connect its shaft by means of a light belt to the motor. Wire the coil up in series with the breaker of the distribtor and connect the high-tension side of the coil to the variable gap. Open the gap to \mathscr{4}\text{s in. and increase the speed of the distributor until the coil begins to cut out. Then substitute a new coil to see if the new one is better. If the new coil will operate at a higher speed than the old coil, the latter is weak. In the same manner, substitute various condensers to see which

> SWITCH TO HO-V. LINE

checked to see that each individual field winding draws the same amount of current as the others. With the same switch at the left, the brush ring may be checked for grounds. If the generator has its own cut-out the cut-out shorting switch —No. 1—should be closed. If the generator has no cut-out, switch No. 1 should be open, which will allow the bench cutout to operate. To test the operation of the car

cut-out, switch No. 1 should be closed and the generator speed slowly increased until the cut-out on the generator closes. When this happens, the bench ammeter should indicate a slight charge. When slowing down the generator, the cut-out should remain closed until the ammeter swings slightly to the left of zero, indicating a small discharge. Increasing the spring tension in the cut-out will make it close later and open earlier.

Starters to be tested are placed in the vise. With a separate pair of starter cables connected directly to the battery, try the starters to see if they will run. Any starter should run smoothly and should pull uniformly when the starter shaft is gripped between two wooden blocks, which act as a brake. Dead shorts prevent the starter from running and will cause it to smoke. Worn bearings and brushes can

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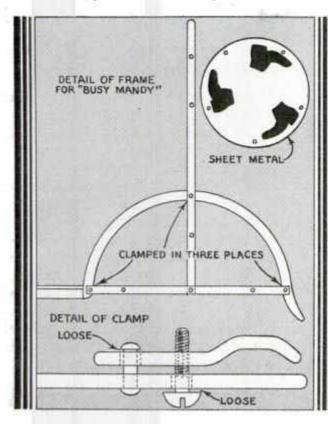
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one operates best with each coil. Distributor caps and rotor arms should be checked for high-tension leaks or cracks with the test points. An old model-A Ford coil furnishes the high-tension current for such tests. With switch No. 2 closed and switch No. 5 thrown to the left, the test points will be ready for making high-tension tests. To do so, place one test point up in the shaft socket of the rotor and the other on the rotor contact. Any spark jumping through the rotor arms means that a new rotor is needed. Similarly, check to see if a spark can be made to run along the surface of the distributor cap from one terminal to another, or through the cap. If so, a new cap is needed.

Tighten loose spring shackles carefully; if they are too tight, the result will be a rough ride and, maybe a broken spring.

# "Busy Mandy" Assures Rushing Deliveries



This advertising creation is simple to build and attach to any car, and is certain to attract considerable attention. "Busy Mandy" is mounted over a rear wheel of a car while big, black shoes are painted on a white disk, which is fastened to the wheel and rotates, giving the illusion of walking or running. The number of shoes



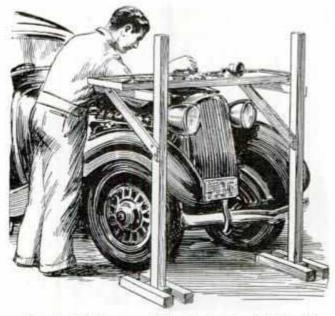
to be painted on the disk is determined by the average speed; two may be sufficient or four may be best. The figure is cut out of hard-pressed board and it is painted in gay colors to arrest attention. An iron frame holds it in place over the rear wheel. The method of fastening the frame to the fender by means of clamps, is shown in the detail on the left.—Dalton Tinder, Marion, Ohio.

## Portable Bench to Hold Parts When Dismantling a Motor

Straddling the radiator of a car on which the motor is being dismantled, this portable workbench will save time and steps. With the bench handy to hold the parts removed from the motor, one is not tempted to place them on the fenders or hood sills where they may mar the paint and may be lost. If equipped with casters, the bench can be moved about easily.

#### Replacing Battery in Car

When replacing the storage battery of a car, the right relation of cables to the battery terminals may be determined by noting the movement of the ammeter hand, which should show discharge when the lights are turned on if the battery is connected correctly.



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#### Repair Your Old Auto Top Cheaply



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When auto tops get so badly checked and cracked that top dressing does not make them waterproof, here is a way they can be sealed for another year's service. Go to the nearest airport and from the maintenance department get a half gallon of clear wing dope and thinner, mixed in the proportion of one-third thinner to two-thirds dope. This is enough liquid to give your top about six coats. Brush it on, being sure to work it into all cracks and along the edges. The dope will dry so rapidly that you can start the next coat as soon as you have finished with the first. Wing dope has the property of shrinking when it dries and it will take the sag out of your top as well as make it waterproof. As this preparation is highly inflammable, keep it away from fire and do not smoke while doing the job.

#### **Tool for Removing Studs**

To remove or drive studs without damaging the threads, use a tool of the type shown. Get a 2-in. length of octagonalshaped steel and drill and tap it lengthwise through the center to screw on the

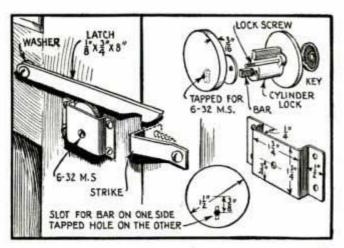


studs. In use, the tool is driven onto the stud to be removed and a bolt is screwed into the upper end to lock it, after which a wrench is used as shown. This tool will be found bet-

ter than the usual method of locking two nuts on a stud as more threads are engaged, thus reducing the possibility of damaging them.

#### **Homemade Lock for Your Garage**

Here is an effective garage lock that can be made inexpensively from an old cylinder lock. A metal disk is mounted in a sheet-metal housing in an eccentric position so that when it is turned by the bar of the lock it will raise the latch and release the door. When it is in the unlocked position, the latch will engage the strike if the door is rolled shut. The upper righthand detail shows the relation betwen the lock and the disk. After punch-marking the disk off center on both sides, a slot to fit the lock bar is cut on one side and a hole is drilled and tapped on the other side for a machine screw. The size and shape of the simple metal housing for the



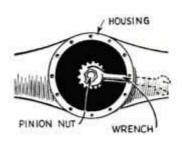
This Effective Lock for Your Garage Is Easily Made from an Old Cylinder Lock

disk are shown in the lower right-hand detail. The lock is installed from the outside of the door, and the bar is cut off to the required length. The disk and housing are installed next. When the eccentric is at the top position, the latch should be raised so that it clears the strike. A little experimenting will determine this position. It is best to use a washer under the latch to assure its working freely.

It is a good idea to remove regularly the accumulations of sludge from the oil filter of your car; if this is neglected the sludge may fill the filter tank so that pressure from the oil pump will burst a seam in the tank, which results in losing the oil.

#### Cranking Motor to Loosen Tight Pinion Nut

If you are repairing a differential and the drive-pinion nut resists all efforts to loosen it, try the following trick: Put a

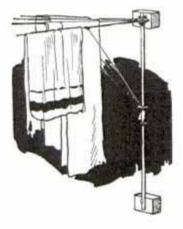


wrench on the nut and let the free end extend into the housing. Then, with the car in reverse, crank the motor slowly by hand. This will usually loosen the

nut, which can be tightened in the same way by putting the car in low gear.—Vernon Tracey, Centerville, N. B. Can.

#### Wash Cloths in Garage Dried on Old Umbrella Frame

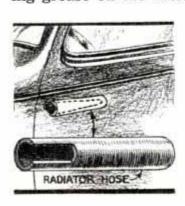
To keep auto wash cloths from being thrown about the shop and soiled or lost, one mechanic uses the frame of an old umbrella as a folding rack on which to hang them. Alternate ribs were removed and the frame was



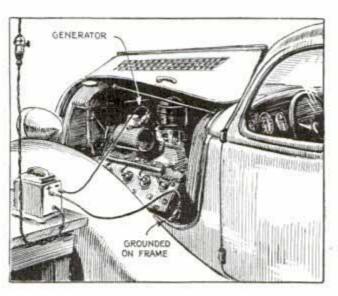
mounted vertically on a wall, by means of two wood blocks, where it could be opened to hold the cloths or closed as occasion required.

#### Keeping Door Handles Free from Grease

When working on cars in the repair shop, mechanics often open and close car doors with greasy hands. To avoid leaving grease on the handles, cut a slot in a



short piece of rubber hose and slip this over the handle before starting on the job. A 6-in. length of 1-in. hose, with a slot 2 in. long, will accommodate the handles on the doors of most cars.



Car Ammeter Connected into Circuit to Show Charging Rate When Using Small Charger

#### Car Ammeter Used in Circuit of Small Charger

When using a small charger to boost your car battery, it is an easy matter to utilize the car ammeter in the circuit if the charger is not equipped with one. As shown, simply connect one wire from the charger to the battery side of the electrical cut-out and ground the other wire to the car frame or the motor. If the positive side of the car battery is grounded, then ground the positive side of the charger, or vice versa.

#### Rubber Bands Hold Skid Chains on Car Wheels

Here is a little kink that we use in our service station to hold skid chains tightly

to the wheels. Wide rubber bands, cut from old inner tubes and provided with hooks taken from worn cross chains. are stretched across the wheel and hooked to the chains as shown. It takes but a minute to attach the bands, and it is time well spent when you get into



heavy mud where the chains might come off.—John J. Welton, Thomaston, Conn.

#### Lengthening Brake and Clutch Pedals



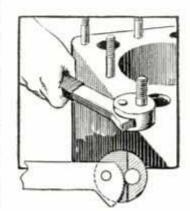
Brake and Clutch Pedals Lengthened by Attaching Footplates with Pipe Nipples and Couplings

If you drive a car on which the footplates of the brake and clutch pedals are attached by means of short studs, and are unable to reach the pedals conveniently, they can be lengthened with two pipe nipples and two couplings. Simply unscrew the footplates and drive the nipples into the ends of the pedals. Then attach the plates by means of the two couplings as shown.—A. M. Buchan, St. Louis, Mo.

#### Wrench to Remove Cylinder Head Studs

Auto mechanics, who often have to remove worn, stripped or broken cylinder-

head studs, will find this wrench a time and labor saver, as it enables them to get a sure grip on the stud. The toothed lever is best made from a large file, the end of which is annealed before cutting the teeth and drilling the



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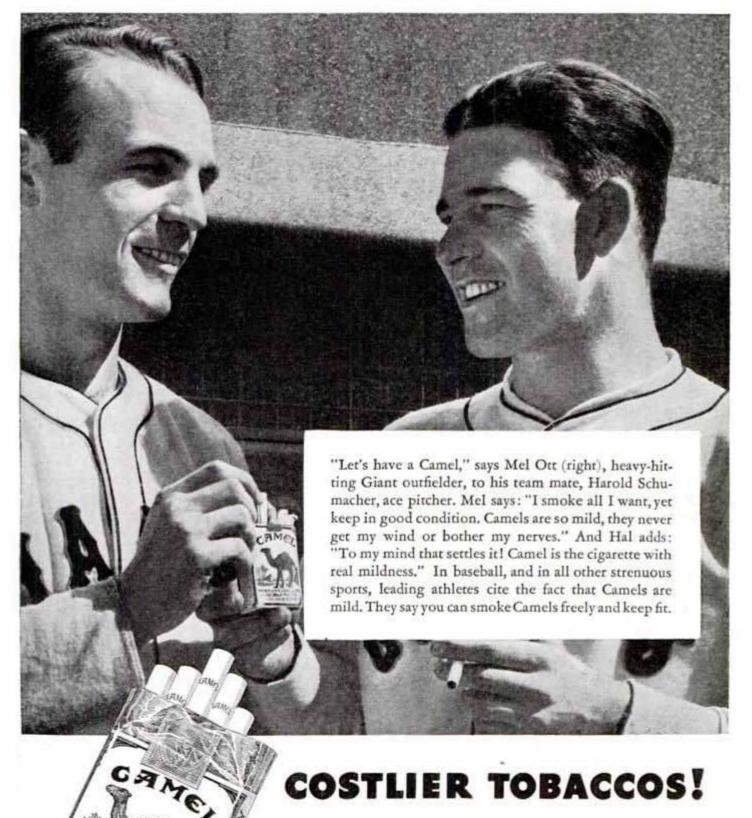
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#### Pictures from Invisible Light

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f:45. Infrared light values vary considerably with atmospheric conditions. On occasions that would be identical for ordinary photography, different exposures might be required with the infrared.

Because infrared exposures are slow and seldom permit action pictures, the professional often hypersensitizes the plates. Plates may be speeded up about three times with this process. Washburn uses a one per cent solution of ammonia. Immersion should be limited to one minute, at a temperature of from forty-five to fifty-five degrees. Plates should be dried quickly with an electric fan and also evenly, to avoid streaks.

Aside from their telephoto effects, landscape pictures taken with infrared plates appear quite fantastic. One of these characteristics is that green foliage photographs white, being a very strong reflector of the red rays. This is true only if it is bathed in direct sunlight. Otherwise it will show dark. Blue skies photograph black, because there is practically no red light in them. Shadows are very deep, with total lack of detail generally.

Infrared portraits produce chalky white faces, with exaggeration of hair lines, crow's-feet, dimples, facial skin defects and scars. Dark whiskers, however, show black in a face, even if freshly shaven. The flesh is generally a pasty white. Lips record lightly, while eyes appear as small black circles.

The photography of hot objects in the dark, or of other objects illuminated by the infrared rays thus given off, is a fascinating study and recreation. The first successful photograph in total darkness was taken by the Kodak Research Laboratories on October 7, 1931. The source of infra rays was a bank of 1,000-watt lamps in reflectors, covered with the opaque No. 87 filter. With this invisible light reflected from the ceiling in an illumination of 1,000 watts per hundred square feet of floor space, the exposure given was one second at f:3.5. Many have obtained the erroneous impression that it is possible to take pictures in total darkness, but unless infrared or heat rays, directed from some source to the infrared plate are utilized, there can, of course, be no picture.

A convenient arrangement for infrared portraits in darkness consists in using two pairs of 500-watt lamps in reflectors and covered with No. 87 filters. In posing subjects, one light unit should be placed seven feet away, the other about five. With the type 1-R plate, exposure should be about four seconds at f:4.5. For instantaneous portraits, six photoflash bulbs in reflectors can be employed, with the No. 87 filter material surrounding them.

For shooting indoor scenes not in total darkness, the filter is used only on the lens. The No. 25 is recommended. For close views of objects a convenient arrangement is to use two 500-watt globes, placed about twenty-seven inches apart and the same distance from the subject. With the No. 25 filter and 1-R plates, the exposure will be about two seconds at f:16. In this way infrared portraits and pictures of documents can be made.

You can make pictures in darkness from the infrared illumination of a hot flatiron. Since this gives off no other light than the invisible heat rays, it is unnecessary to employ a filter. Since the heat rays from an iron are feeble compared to the sun and tungsten lamp, exposures are longer. Eastman experimenters have obtained a good portrait of a plaster bust in total darkness utilizing solely the infrared illumination from two flatirons about six inches away. The exposure, however, was one hour at f:4.5.

For the development of infrared sensitive plates almost any standard negative developer may be used. Washburn has obtained best results from developers especially adapted to process films. The temperature of developers should be kept reasonably low. Anything above sixty-five degrees is dangerous. Five-minutes immersion is Washburn's basic time practice, although to a certain extent the longer the development the better contrast. It is not necessary to load holders or to develop in complete darkness. The ordinary green safelight is in most cases sufficient protection against fogging.

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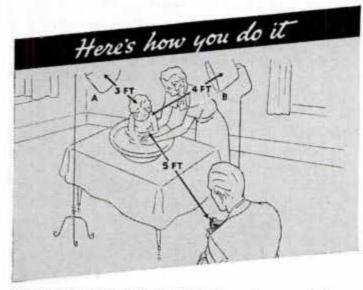
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#### SPEAKING OF CARD TRICKS"

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entertainer must apply pressure on the sides of the case at all times, or the cards will fly out. Every movement must be so guided to mask the fact that you are gripping the case tightly.

The appearance of a card is ordered and it rises slowly out of the case as pressure on the sides is lifted. The three cards rise as one but as the front one is being held up for edification, the other two can be pressed downward by the performer's index finger and the pressure reapplied. The first card then is taken out of the case and placed on the table.

The procedure is duplicated in producing the second card. The third, however, is made to hop out of the box by holding to either corner or the middle and releasing the grip quickly. For example, if the card is supposed to jump to the right, that corner of the box should be held and then released. The subtleties of execution will come with practice.

Here is another good trick. Find out what the third card from the top is in advance. Give the deck a false shuffle and then divide it into three parts, keeping track of the "marked" card. One of the three top ones is placed on each of the piles, the special one being on your right. Your spectators are asked to pick it up and memorize it. The cards are squared up and the performer goes through the deck and picks it out.

In passing let me say a word about the false shuffle. By it is meant the card's position at the bottom or top of the deck may be maintained while the magician is to all intents and purposes mixing up the cards thoroughly. Anyone who works with cards should know at least one method of false shuffling.

By looking at the top card beforehand, a variation of the same trick by means of addition and subtraction can be performed. The face cards count as ten; the first card is turned up and then the second, and the performer adds or subtracts to get the total of the third card, which he knows in advance.

Supposing the third card is five. If the first card is ten and the second another five he tells the spectator to subtract five from ten and he will have the answer of the third card.

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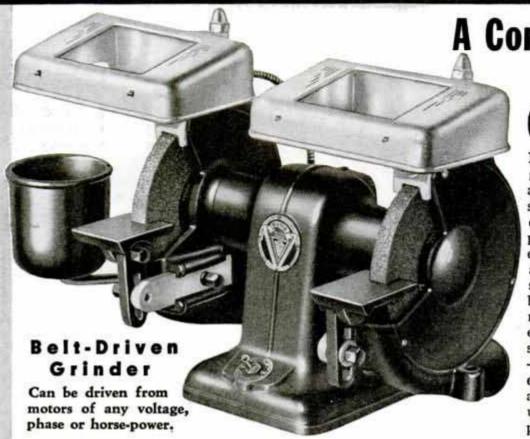
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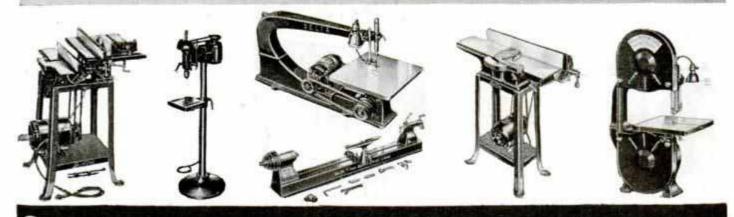
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#### Tuning Up a Streamliner

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reservoir in the power car filled. Cooling is a major problem. Each cylinder is provided with a muffler, scavenging through a pipe in the roof. Water circulates around each cylinder, then passes through cooling coils suspended from the ceiling. The engine room is sealed. Air is drawn in through the grill under the cab by fans, blown back against the engine, and exhausted through ducts in the roof. Even with water and air cooling, the engine room becomes almost unbearably hot.

The cab is insulated for sound and temperature. No matter how hot or cold outside, the pilot has conditioned air. The cab is no larger than that on a motor truck. All the complicated starting mechanism has been eliminated. Storage batteries light the train while the engine is off, and also whirl the generator, turning it momentarily into a starting motor. When the engine is running the current flow is reversed and the generator feeds the batteries, or driving motors.

"Here we go," says "Ollie." "First I start the electric fuel pump, run by the storage battery. I push this button. The pump supplies oil under pressure to the reservoir. Now I make sure the throttle is closed and the controller off. To start the engine I push this button marked 'battery,' and this one for the exciter."

There is a deep growl as the oil ignites and the huge engine takes hold.

"Next we build up the air tanks," he explains. "One compressor is driven by the Diesel, another by electricity. We carry 130 pounds of air for the brakes."

The controller regulates the four driving motors on the axles of the engine truck; the throttle, the speed of the Diesel. The faster the engine goes the more power it delivers to the motors. The controller serves the same purpose as the gear shift in an automobile. There are four positions, off, series, parallel and shunt, corresponding to neutral, first, second and high in a car. To start he throws the motors into series, releases the air brakes and throws over the controller. Grasping the throttle "Ollie" speeds up the engine. When the speedometer reaches thirty the controller is shifted into parallel.

Speed is governed entirely by throttling

the Diesel. In some early oil-electric units. the engine ran at a constant speed. Any variation of motor speed was obtained by inserting resistance into the line. It was not until recently that a method was devised to change a Diesel's speed with any promptness. In the "City of Portland" fuel is injected through pinholes in the cylinder head. A plunger, acting like a force cup, squeezes the oil in at the proper instant. Speed depends upon the rate of oil feed. The secret of the engine is the mechanism which regulates the flow of oil. Without it there would be no lightweight high-speed train. This engine idles at 250 revolutions per minute: the governor prevents a speed greater than 750.

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Streamlining has come to stay. Lightweight oil-electric units are going into service, but the faithful old iron horse refuses to be outmoded. Old engines are rebuilt and shrouded, and lighter streamline steam trains enter the race. Time alone can tell which will reign supreme.



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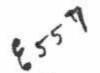
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#### **Hunting Dogs**

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They are the Chesapeake Bay retriever, a breed developed on the east coast of America; the coal-black and so-called yellow Labrador retriever, usually rated the fastest retriever on land or in water, and the lovable, thick-coated Irish water spaniel with his "rat" tail and top knot. Cold winds, low temperatures or rough water have no terrors for this canine "backfield." They love to retrieve game birds anywhere or any time and their coats are of such character that they shed water easily.

Sportsmen are now being urged to use more retrievers to cut down the losses of crippled or wing-tipped birds. Conservation organizations and government authorities have been stressing the importance of such dogs, because millions of game birds are shot, only slightly wounded and then never recovered because the sportsmen are not using a trained retriever. Chesapeakes, Labradors or Irish water spaniels make not only efficient workers, but companionable dogs at home or in the field.

Generally speaking, the retrievers as a group must go to school to learn that they must not chase birds or rabbits unless ordered to go after crippled ones; that they must sit quietly by their masters while the birds are shot and that they must swim when commanded, or crash through swamps to get a crippled bird. On land it may mean smashing work through thick brambles or other hard cover. When worked on land the retriever must walk at heel when commanded, sit when told to, retrieve on command and be steady to shooting, flying birds and other distractions. All in all, the sportsman's "canine backfield" must have brains, plenty of courage, a stanch heart, plenty of speed, endurance, what the hunter calls "zip and dash," and self-control—a rare combination not only in a dog but in a human being.

The Irish water spaniel is a dog of great pluck and hardiness. He has a curly thick coat that gives him excellent protection in cold weather. He is liver colored, with longish, hairy legs, a tail that is nearly bald, short hair on his face and a funny top knot. He has brains and courage and makes a wonderful water retriever.

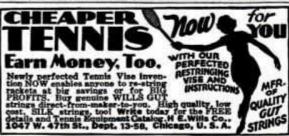
The Chesapeake is an American breed, one of the few which has been evolved in this country. He might be given the full-back position on the duck shooter's canine backfield because of his size and power. This breed is a dead grass color. A male weighs from sixty-five pounds up. The coat is dense and thick with a fine woolly undercoat. Here is a retriever of bulk and power. He can buck most any kind of weather or hard going, therefore he has proved an efficient duck dog.

The Labrador retriever, so widely used in England, slowly has been winning recognition in this country. He is a strong, well built dog weighing seventy or seventy-five pounds. There are two strains, one black and the other yellow or straw colored. Considering the fact that this dog has been winning just about everything in retriever trials in the British Isles, it is surprising that American sportsmen have not become better acquainted with him before this. The Labrador has a thick, close outer coat with a second under coat. The tail is thick at the butt like an otter's. Normally the Labrador is black, although there is the yellow or cream-colored strain. The Labrador works equally well on land or in water. He is just about the fastest swimming canine. With tremendous driving power, of excellent temperament, very affectionate, and teachable, it is not surprising that one English authority has described him as the "medium sized companion dog par excellence." The breed is known for its tender mouth—a requirement of a good retriever.

The springer spaniel is another gun dog that has been winning many friends. This forty to forty-five-pound hunting pal is English bred. True to its name it "springs" both furred and feathered game, always working within range of the gunner. The well-trained springer must quarter his ground ahead of the gunner, never get too far away so that birds will be flushed beyond the range of the gun, spring a rabbit from its seat, or flush a pheasant, and then remain steady while the shooting goes on. On command the dog will retrieve tenderly to hand.

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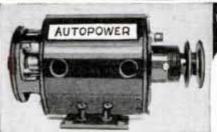




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#### HUNTING DOGS

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American sportsmen have been showing enthusiasm for this expert worker which can be used for rabbits one day, pheasant hunting the next and then be taken on a snipe or duck-shooting trip for retrieving. Although the springer is not an out and out water dog like the big retrievers, he can be used for ordinary marsh duck shooting for mallards and pintails because the springer likes water. But he does not take the place of a pointer, because the breed does not point.

The cocker, a small edition of the springer, is a merry little worker originally used for woodcock hunting by English sportsmen. The cocker works like a springer, ahead of the gun, but lacks some of the power and drive of the springer. However, working cockers from hunting strains can do an efficient job of upland game hunting.

Of all the hunting dogs, none seem to derive more pleasure out of their work than the beagle, fox and coon hounds. Here are dogs that "sing" while they earn their keep. Whereas the setters and pointers find and point the game, and the spaniels flush it, the beagle runs a rabbit until the master gets a shot. The longeared, good natured coon hounds trail the coon or 'possum to a tree to the accompaniment of a lot of chorus and solo work. The foxhound, one of the fleetest of all trailing dogs, also runs game.

The beagle may be one of the original English dogs. With an affectionate disposition, an ideal temperament, a good nose and "singing ability," this dog is one of the most popular and widely used in America. The coon hound is distinctively American. He was the pioneer's dog. He started with the many hounds brought to this country by early settlers. From crossbreeding these and by constant training and experimental breeding we have obtained the coon hound. Although they do not get as aristocratic a rating as some hunting breeds, they can furnish as much exciting sport as any group of hunting dogs in the United States. The foxhound is an Americanized hound.

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#### The World in Hollywood

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backgrounds of many South Sea pictures, has grown too populated and the studios have moved their thatched huts and war canoes to Catalina island. Picture companies work nearly continuously at the isthmus on the island. Several full-rigged ships were used there in filming "Mutiny on the Bounty," along the same coast that a few years ago was temporarily transformed into the fortified bay of Tripoli for the film "Old Ironsides."

Due to its different kinds of docks and backgrounds, Los Angeles harbor is transformed by studio magicians into almost any harbor in the world. The Japanese fishing village and fishing fleet, the lighthouses, the modern wharves and steamers, the United States fleet, and the yacht anchorages all are adapted to picture needs.

In making "Cavalcade" a Fox company chartered the "Dorothy Alexander" for \$1,500 a day to show the embarking troops march on board. After the gangways had been withdrawn the ship "steamed away"—but only a distance of fifteen feet from the dock and not even under her own power, since a tug on the offshore side did the pulling.

The flat coast of Naples, thirty miles from Hollywood, is a cinematic Long Island sound on occasion. A few days of work and the building of a few windmills transform the same area into a very realistic Holland. The rolling hills of San Diego county furnish the fortified strongholds from which Spanish brigands dash down on moving-picture travelers and also double for other parts of the world.

When a picture company goes on location a small village is literally packed up and moved to the site. Once the directors wanted some desert scenes and Moore located a spot in Nevada. It was six miles across the sagebrush from the railroad and the first step was to build three temporary roads through the soft sand. Twenty mule teams were rented for hauling supplies. A town suitable for housing 250 people was laid out on paper and two crews of workmen moved in. The first crew, from the studio, created the sets that were to be used in the picture. In a few days they erected and painted houses and barns that looked as if they had been there for years. They transplanted trees and sagebrush, "grew" a few imitation palm trees, painted other effects on canvas backgrounds, and erected scaffolding for lights and cameras.

Meanwhile the other crew built the village that was to be occupied by the picture company. Tents with wooden floors and sides were put up for living quarters and dressing rooms, a kitchen and dining room, commissary, hospital, and headquarters tents were built. A motor generator was hauled in for power and lights, a water supply arranged, shower baths erected, and sewage facilities prepared.

The players moved in as soon as the work was finished. Virtually every department of a full-sized studio was represented. Make-up experts and costumers were there, camera crews and sound technicians, lighting electricians, and property workers. Ten days later the last scene had been finished and the group was on its way back to Hollywood, leaving a "ghost town" out among the dunes.

Sometimes the movie-made scenery is even better than the real thing, and now and then, when a company is sent half way around the world to film parts of a picture, the results may be thrown away because lighting and technical problems cannot be controlled as well as nearer the studio. Three years ago one studio spent months in shooting atmosphere scenes in India for backgrounds but after 70,000 feet of expensive, authentic film had been brought back most of it was discarded because a sharp-eyed location hunter had found identical scenery within a day's drive where the same scenes could be photographed to better advantage.

Frequently when a studio needs an authentic foreign background, such as a London street scene, only a camera crew is sent abroad to make the picture. The sound can be dubbed in at any time. Back in the studio, the authentic picture is thrown on a projection screen and the picture players go through their actions in front of the screen. The camera that films the actors also records the street-scene background and when you see the picture in a theater the effect is as if the actors themselves had been filmed in London.

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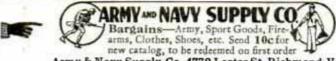
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The high-seas air force, well adapted to the rigorous conditions of wartime patrol in the Aleutians, includes 100 multimotored giant flying boats, capable of cruising 2,000 miles in the air, and they can take off and land on the open sea except during severe storms. With their sixman crews the planes are adaptable for bombing, radio, photographic, patrol and observation work. Part of the present plans are to send ships and men on regular northern duty so the sailors can become accustomed to the climate and to familiarize the officers with the special navigation difficulties found there.

The Aleutians, even today, are comparatively unknown. Because of volcanic activity islands rise or disappear mysteriously. For this reason mariners may find that soundings made years before are unreliable today. Magnetic deposits on the sea bottom also make magnetic compass readings unreliable.

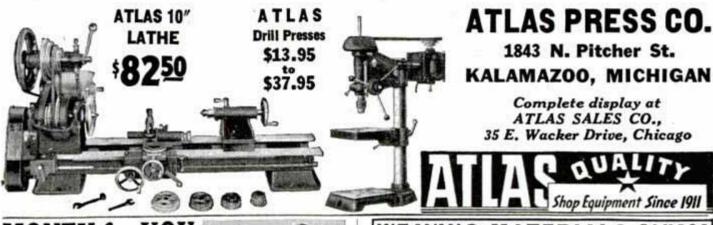
As a result the navy is making the first accurate survey of the islands. Amphibian planes have been used for aerial mapping and protected harbors and bays are being charted. Since mobile naval forces might be sent to some other scene during a conflict, the army is contemplating establishing frontier defense units on the Alaskan mainland. A fleet of 300 land planes, based possibly at Fairbanks, would be able to strike against an enemy fleet within a few hours, long before such an attacking force could come within striking distance of our mainland.

To be effective, the army air force would need to be entirely self-supporting and self-contained, probably being augmented by a series of secondary air bases and observation points stretching from Juneau to Point Barrow. The army training program contemplates sending aerial units to the north for regular training tours, since pilots would need to become accustomed to the handicaps of cold-weather flying.

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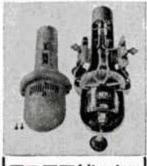


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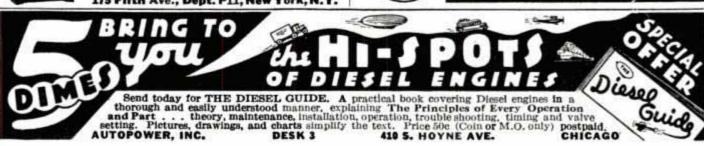
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#### **Hunting Air Phantoms**

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ways. When the landscape undergoes rapidly changing distortions, owing to moving masses of air of various densities, the phenomenon is called "fata morgana." A good imitation of this can be produced by looking at outdoor objects through the border of a windowpane while moving one's head from side to side.

When the upper edge of the sun is about to disappear below a sharply defined horizon, you may occasionally witness "green flash." The tiny segment of the disk still visible suddenly changes to a spark of brilliant green, sometimes blending into blue. The same color may also be seen at sunrise when the border of the solar disk first comes into view. This is because the blue and green rays are bent a little farther downward in passing through the air than the reds and yellows, so they disappear last at sunset and appear first at sunrise.

Rainbows are not all alike. Large raindrops produce narrow and brilliantly colored bows; those formed by small drops are broad and faintly colored, and a fog produces the so-called "white rainbow," or "fog-bow," almost colorless. Besides the ordinary double rainbow, consisting of the primary below and the secondary above, one can distinguish in many rainbows one or more repetitions of the colors along the inside border of the primary, and they are sometimes also seen just outside the secondary. These are called "supernumerary" bows.

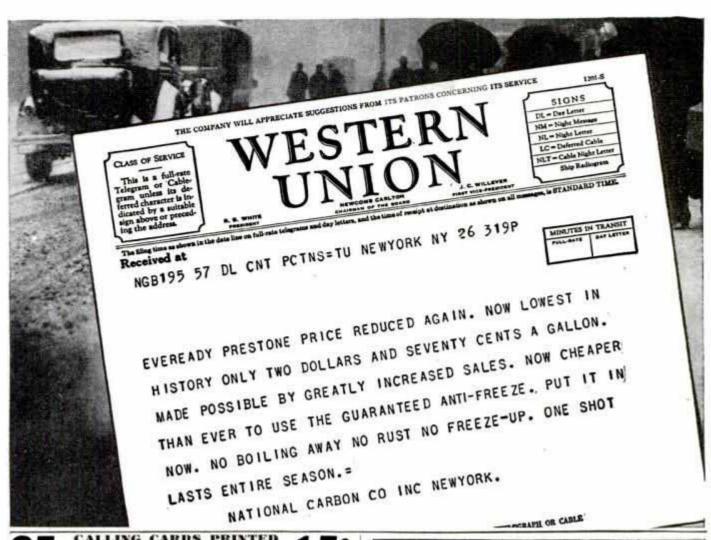
There are also bows produced by the image of the sun reflected in water. As a rainbow is always opposite the source of light, these "reflection" bows are higher than those produced by the sun itself at the same time, which they may intersect in various positions. If the sun is high enough, a reflection bow may form a complete circle, or the upper part may be lacking so the rest looks like a rainbow upside down. Lunar rainbows usually are so faint they show no colors. A brightly colored double lunar rainbow is not seen more than once in a lifetime.

The colored circular area commonly seen around the sun or moon when viewed through fleecy clouds is called the "corona." Generally it is brownish-red with a bluish-white inner field, but sometimes it shows two or more series of bright rain-bow tints. The corona is formed by the bending of the light rays around small water drops. It is occasionally produced by fine dust. The large circle called "Bishop's ring," seen around the sun after great volcanic eruptions, is a dust corona.

On a mountain, when the sun is low on one side and a bank of fog or cloud rises on the other, an observer can often play shadow pantomime, producing the famous "specter of the Brocken." His shadow is cast on the fogbank, and the shadow of his head is usually surrounded by a colored ring resembling a corona-the "Brocken bow." The shadow is never more than a few yards away, but because its distance is, as a rule, greatly overestimated, it gives the impression of being of colossal size. Brocken specter can be seen from many places besides mountains. With a high sun, an aeronaut sees the complete outline of his balloon or airplane, encircled with rainbow tints, on a layer of clouds below him. The headlights of locomotives and automobiles sometimes produce these shadows on nearby banks of fog.

A haze of water or dust in the air makes visible the alternating sunbeams and cloud shadows, radiating like the spokes of a wheel, called "the sun drawing water," though no such process is involved. Small-scale versions are seen in the misty atmosphere of a forest when the sunlight sifts through the foliage, as well as in buildings into which sunlight enters through a number of small openings.

Most varied of all the optical phenomena of the atmosphere are the "halos"; a term broadly applied to all the effects produced by the passage of light through air containing tiny ice crystals. In middle and low latitudes the halo-forming crystals are usually confined to the clouds, so the halos are seen in the sky, but in the polar regions, and at times in intensely cold weather elsewhere, the lower air may be filled with an icy haze that forms halos near at hand. Halos are produced by the sun, the moon or any other bright source of light. Some are white; others show rainbow colors. To view a solar halo, wear dark spectacles.



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"Throughout the storm I could hear calls at irregular intervals—Miami calling—Havana calling—Mexico City calling. But they could not be answered. Crowds came rushing to our barracks, crying and shouting hysterically. Our staff dashed into the street to help the panic-stricken people to shelter from the barrage of flying debris.

"All at once the wind died, but veterans of the area knew that only half of the storm had passed. Our station mechanic and his helper worked frantically to get our precious gas engine and other equipment into a safe place. Other staff members rushed through all parts of the city warning people to remain indoors.

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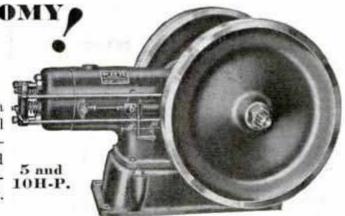
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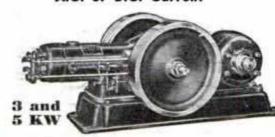
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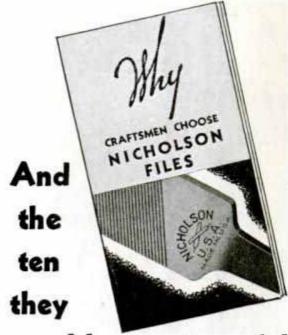
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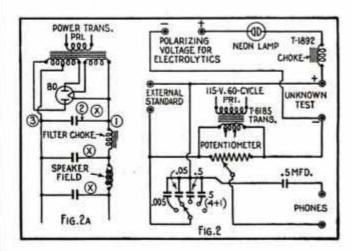
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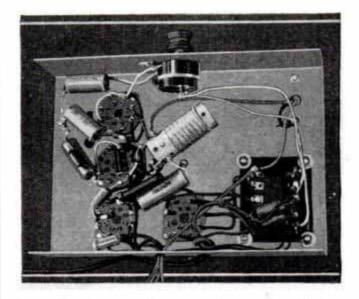
sents a typical rectifier and filter circuit. The positive terminal of the condenser to be tested is disconnected from the circuit at point X.

#### T. R. F. FOUR WITH METAL TUBES

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available; those who wish it should specify blueprint R-215.

To balance the set, open the front and rear trimmers, Tr. 1 and Tr. 2, out about 4 turns from the full in position. Turn on the receiver and tune to about 25 on the dial, or a nearby point where no station is



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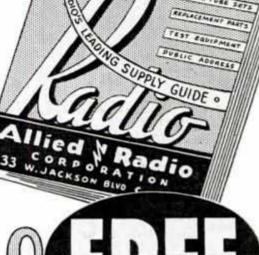
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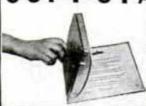
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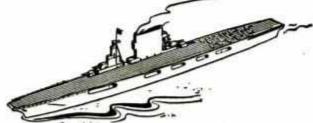




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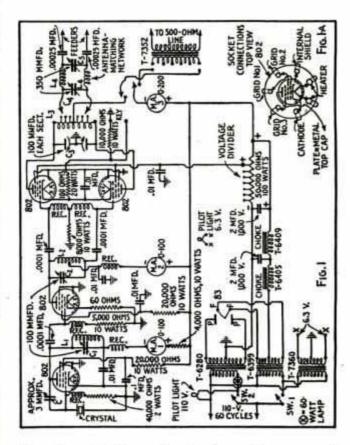


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The pilot has time for additional checkups while the engines are warming up. He looks the compass over, makes deviation corrections, inspects the vacuum pumps connected to the automatic pilot, sets the directional gyro compass of the pilot to correspond with the reading of the magnetic compass, and synchronizes the airplane flying controls with the automatic pilot controls. After testing the controllable pitch propellers in both the "high" and "low" positions he returns the control to the low position for the takeoff. He inspects the altimeter and the other dials he would use for instrument flying if the gyro device should fail to work. Then Morehouse is ready to test his radio equipment. Reaching overhead, he snaps on the two-way company set and asks the ground operator over it for the right time. Then he tries out the airways radio beacon receivers and listens for the characteristic signals from the nearest department of commerce station.

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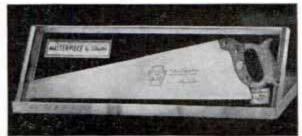
"At least ten minutes of every hour in the air is spent calculating the performance of the plane and jotting down instrument readings and engineering data. With the instruments in my brief case I figure out wind triangulations, drifts, true headings, corrections for the altimeter, and other problems like speed and fuel consumption. From these results I may change the speed of the engines or give new orders to the automatic pilot. The idea is to arrive at our destination within a few seconds or minutes of the scheduled time without regard to winds en route.

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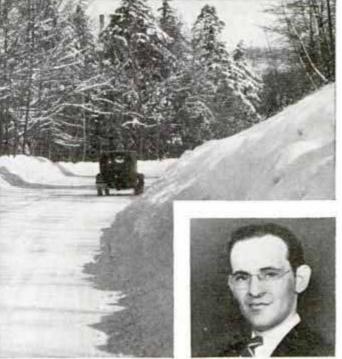
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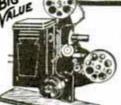




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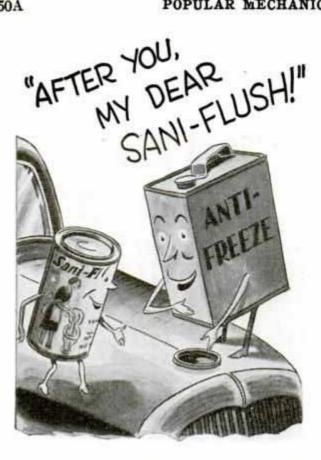
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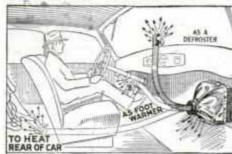
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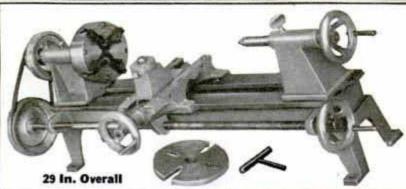
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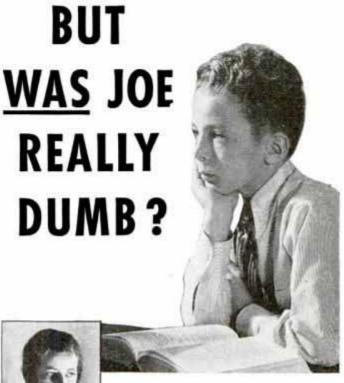


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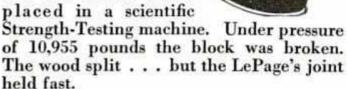
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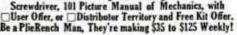
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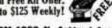


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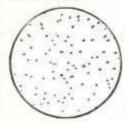
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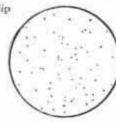


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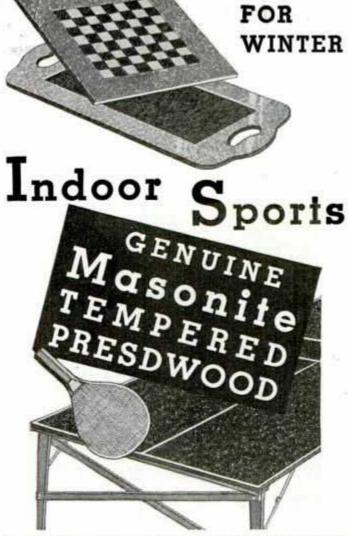
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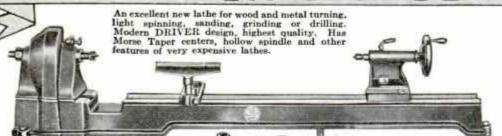
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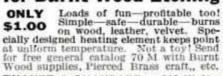
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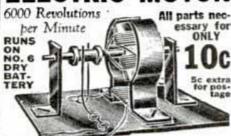
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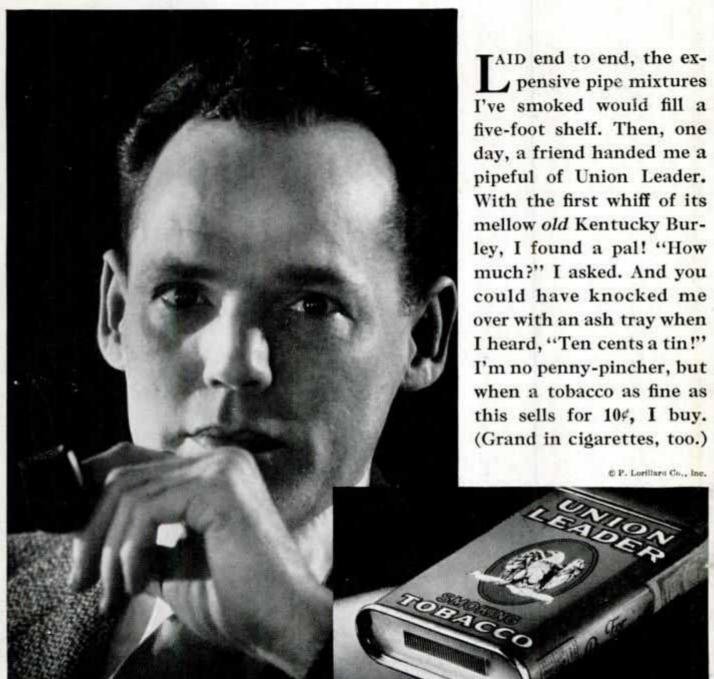
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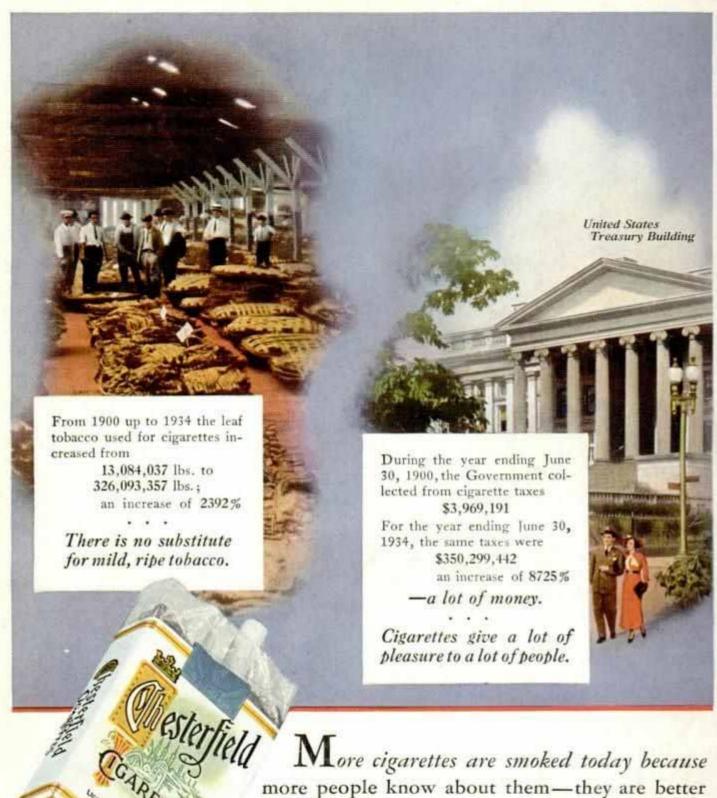
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